



Citizen Potawatomi Nation
launches online store

Page 2



Lakota Pochedley, Potawatomi
Leadership Program participant update

Page 4



Starla Griffith helps manage
CPN Health Clinics

Page 6



HOWNIIKAN

Giwségises (November 2013)

People of the Fire

2013 Trail of Death Caravan concludes with Brownback proclamation

After more than a week of driving from Indiana to Kansas, the 2013 Potawatomi Trail of Death Caravan concluded its journey at the old Sugar Creek mission in Linn County, Kansas on September 29.

The site, now called St. Rose Philippine Dushesne Historical and Memorial Park, hosted local residents of Linn County as well as the caravan’s participants, most of whom were Citizen Potawatomi members from across the Midwest. One notable attendee was Governor Sam Brownback of Kansas, who grew up on a farm near the old Potawatomi camp.

Following the celebration of a Mass by Fr. Jim White, Governor Brownback issued a proclamation on behalf of the state of Kansas that recognized the suffering and wrongs committed against the Potawatomi during their forced removal by the U.S. Army in

1838.

Reading directly from the proclamation, Brownback said, “I do hereby proclaim and recognize the Potawatomi Trail of Death and the special and historical significance the trail and the Potawatomi have with the State of Kansas, and expresses deep remorse for the ramifications of former wrongs and apologizes on behalf of the people of Kansas to all Potawatomi Peoples for the deaths, hardships and maltreatment their ancestors endured along the Trail of Death.”

District 4 Legislator Jon Boursaw, who invited the governor to the gathering, spoke after the ceremony in which Brownback presented him and District 1 Legislator Roy Slavin with a mounted deer as a show of sincerity.

“It was a very pleasant honor to

be recognized by the governor,” said Boursaw. “He is originally from this area, knows of what happened here and of the sacrifices made by the Citizen Potawatomi and all Native Americans. He offered us a sincere apology in the form of a proclamation, and for that we thank him greatly.”

Accompanying Brownback were three ministers from Kansas City who also offered apologies and prayers of forgiveness for the treatment of Potawatomi.

The event at Sugar Creek was the culmination of the 6th edition of the Trail of Death Caravan, which coincided with the 175th anniversary of the original event. The caravan started out on September 23 in Rochester, Ind. and crossed through Illinois, Missouri before concluding at Sugar Creek on September 29. The trip of more than 600 miles stopped at several historical sites



Ahead of the governor's proclamation, Fr. Jim White celebrated Mass at the site of the original Potawatomi encampment in Linn County, Kansas with locals and members of the 2013 Trail of Death Caravan.

along the way, in addition to commemorating two new historical markers in Olathe, Kans. and Spring Hill, Kans.

“It’s important that we remember



Janet Pearl, Amy Guerich and Theresa Adame watch CPN Legislator Jon Boursaw and Kansas Governor Brownback shake hands after the governor’s proclamation.

Citizen Potawatomi Nation opens Convenience Store and Smoke Shop

Citizen Potawatomi Nation opened a new convenience store, FireLake Corner Store, at the intersection of Hardesty Road and Gordon Cooper Drive.

“We’re excited to open this new, larger facility to provide our customers with even more space, products and the same fast and

excellent customer service,” said Citizen Potawatomi Nation Chairman John Barrett. “This location will allow easier access to the store so we can expand our product selection. We look forward to your shopping with us.”

The 5,000 square foot store

replaces the convenience store previously located on the north corner of to FireLake Discount Foods. FireLake Corner Store is 24/7 and has 16 fueling stations.

FireLake Corner Store offers 100 percent unleaded gasoline, diesel, fresh gourmet coffee, more than 20 flavors of fountain beverages,

an ice cold beer cave, food concessions and cigarettes and smokeless tobacco items.

The opening of this location will bring the total jobs for FireLake Corner Store to 30.

The Corner Store stands in the same location as the original

Potawatomi Convenience Store #1, which opened in 1982. The new Corner Store shares some of the original building with the 1982 convenience store.



CPN officials and FireLake Corner Store employees open the new Corner Store on September 18, 2013.

Hownikan

Citizen Potawatomi Nation launches online store

Shopping for Native American and Potawatomi merchandise will be easier and more accessible thanks to the launch of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation online gift shop. The website, <http://giftshop.potawatomi.org/>, will be an online destination for Native American merchandise including apparel, art, books, gifts and jewelry.

“This website will allow us to offer Native American and Potawatomi merchandise to our tribal members and those interested in Native American merchandise throughout the world,” said Kelli Mosteller, director, CPN Cultural Heritage Center. “Featuring these products and artist online will help us share our culture and identity and promote the artists who work so hard to create these pieces.”

Online shoppers will find a redesigned homepage that includes the following:

- Art, featuring authentic baskets, sculptures and paintings, among



The online gift shop can be accessed at <http://giftshop.potawatomi.org/>

other items.

- Books, music and references, including historical literature, cultural CDs and other materials.

- Potawatomi gifts and children’s items

- Jewelry, showcasing a variety of handcrafted necklaces, rings and bracelets.

- Craft supplies

The FireLake Gifts online store accepts a variety of credit card payment and does not require registration to checkout.



FireLake Gifts Online is your one stop shop for Native-made and Native-themed gifts, offering original works as well as limited prints by Native American artists, along with handmade jewelry and supplies for artisans working on their own projects. The storefront is located inside the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Cultural Heritage Center at 1899 S. Gordon Cooper Dr. in Shawnee, Oklahoma.

FireLake Gifts store hours are, 8:30-5:30 M-F and 10-3 on Saturday. The phone number is (405)-275-3119.

CPN secures rail tug for Iron Horse Industrial Park

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation recently secured a rail yard tug for the Iron Horse Industrial Park internal track system, another sign of progress for the industrial park currently being constructed.

Like its waterborne counterpart, a rail yard tug is used to move rail cars to and from the depots and warehouses that will be based at Iron Horse. Locomotives running on the Arkansas-Oklahoma (A-OK) rail lines will pull into the yard, where the tug’s duty is to move freight cars to them where they will be attached and then carried to their final destination down the line.

“Securing a tug gives the tribe the ability to serve those businesses that will be producing and



The tug was shipped from South Carolina to Oklahoma via trailer. The costs of transport were the only ones paid for the piece of equipment.

shipping out of warehouses located in Iron Horse Industrial Park,” said Economic Development Director, Dr. Jim Collard. “Having the ability to move freight around on tribal-owned lines, which is what all the rails are inside Iron Horse, is a big step for the whole project.”

Major Jody Opela of the CPN Police Department played a significant role in securing the purchase of the tug. Opela is responsible for purchasing surplus first responder equipment

from the Federal Acquisition Service as part of his duties for the CPN PD.

Dr. Collard, who also serves as the tribal police chief, asked Major Opela to keep an eye out for rail yard equipment that could be of service at Iron Horse.

“I had an idea of what we were looking for, and we got a pre-owned tug from a former military installation in South Carolina,” explained Opela. “The tug is worth more than \$160,000.

However, we only had to pay the shipping fees to get it to Oklahoma, which only cost about \$6,000.”

As well as running on the rails, the tug can also operate on road or off-road situations if necessary. Weighing nearly 15 tons, it is capable of moving 2-3 fully loaded box cars of rail freight.

Last month, officials from A-OK Railroad, Citizen Potawatomi Nation and U.S. Representative James Lankford attended a

dedication ceremony of the Iron Horse Bridge. The bridge reopened a link across the North Canadian River that had been out for more than two decades.

Iron Horse Industrial Park is a 400-acre plot of Native American trust land owned by the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. The general-use industrial park features favorable tax incentives, lease rates and is located less than 10 miles from Interstate 40.

CPN Community Development Financial Institution receives funds from Treasury

Native American, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian communities throughout the United States will receive much-needed economic and community development assistance as a result of the \$12.4 million in Native American CDFI Assistance Program awards.

CPN CDFI was awarded a \$750,000 Financial Assistance award through the Native American CDFI Assistance Program. Only 35 organizations nationwide received these awards. Winning a Financial Assistance award provides the Native CDFI with critically needed capital, which in turn, helps support the community.

Thirty-five organizations serving Native Communities received awards from the U.S. Department of the Treasury’s Community Development Financial Institutions Fund under the fiscal

year 2013 round of the NACA Program. The awardees all aim to increase lending and financial services in Native Communities, stimulating economic development in some of the most distressed and low-income parts of the country.

“The Native American CDFI Assistance Program is providing critically needed funds for distressed Native and tribal areas, many of which lack traditional banking services,” said Don Graves, Treasury Deputy Assistant Secretary for Small Business, Community Development and Housing Policy. “This latest round of awards will expand the capacity of native financial institutions to develop innovative economic development solutions for the businesses and individuals in their communities.”

The awardees, all certified Native

Community Development Financial Institutions (Native CDFIs) or organizations looking to become or create Native CDFIs, will receive a collective total of \$12,451,015 in Financial Assistance and Technical Assistance awards. Eighteen Native CDFIs will receive Financial Assistance awards, which are primarily used for financing capital. Seventeen organizations will receive Technical Assistance grants, which are usually used to acquire products or services, staff training, professional services, or other support.

“The FY 2013 NACA Program awards will lead to increased loans for small businesses, affordable housing, and community facilities in Native Communities, in addition to basic financial services that are essential to building household

wealth and stability,” said CDFI Fund Director Donna J. Gambrell. “As the award-making arm of the CDFI Fund’s Native Initiatives, the NACA Program has consistently supported the unique organizations that are doing such vital work in these communities.”

The majority of the target markets served by the awardees are rural, although seven organizations primarily serve minor urban areas. The organizations are headquartered in fifteen different states across the country. Full information about the FY 2013 NACA Program awardees can be found in the CDFI Fund’s Searchable Award Database at www.cdfifund.gov/awards.

The FY 2013 NACA Program Awards announcement comes at a time when the CDFI Fund’s Native Initiatives is in the middle of studying the current availability of access to capital and credit in

Native Communities. The “Access to Capital and Credit in Native Communities” study will draw on focus groups, tribal consultations, and independent research to establish the current reality of capital and credit availability in Native areas. The results of the study will be used to inform the CDFI Fund’s future approach to the training, technical assistance, and awards that it provides through the Native Initiatives.

Learn more about the “Access to Capital and Credit in Native Communities” study at www.cdfifund.gov/nativestudy. Additional information about the FY 2013 round of the NACA Program, including key highlights and the full award list, can be found below and at www.cdfifund.gov/native.

Oklahoma Good Sam Club Members donate toys for tribal children

Members of the Oklahoma chapter of the Good Sam Club donated a large assortment of toys to Citizen Potawatomi Nation’s FireLodge Youth and Family Services.

“Shawnee and CPN have given us so much,” said Kenneth Griffin, Assistant Director of the Good Sam Club. “We just wanted to return the favor. Our members got these gifts together and we know they’ll be appreciated by the kids served by FireLodge.”

The Good Sam Club is an international organization of

recreational vehicle owners. Its Oklahoma chapters are regulars at the CPN’s Raymond Peltier RV Park, and assistant director Kenneth Griffin and Treasurer Cheryl Griffin wanted to show their thanks for the services provided by the tribe. Thirty-five campers were on site at the RV Park, with each providing a gift picked out from a local retailer.

On hand to receive the gifts were Laurie Clark, Jackie Davis and Connie Labato who are case officers for FireLodge Children and Family Services.



Indian Child Welfare’s Laurie Clark explains to Good Sam Club members the mission of the department in caring for tribal youth.



Kenneth and Cheryl Griffin of the Good Sam Club with the toy donation for tribal youth.

“We want to thank the Good Sam Club for the gifts for to the children under our program’s supervision. Looking at what was donated, I don’t think the kids will be disappointed,” said Lorie Jackson,

of the CPN Indian Child Welfare program.

FireLodge Children and Family Services serves as a local resource to the community for confidential services geared toward youth and

families. An emphasis is placed on Native Americans to enhance, enrich, and develop cultural awareness in the areas of health and wellness.

Tribal Member Jaron Brandon leads UC Merced as Student Body President



Brandon’s campaign poster in his run for the UC Merced student presidency.

In District 7, which encompasses northern California, Nevada and Hawaii, CPN member Jaron Brandon is set to take a leadership

role like many Potawatomi before him. Starting this fall, Brandon will serve as the elected representative of the student body at his college,

the University of California Merced.

A descendent of the Vieux family on his father’s side of the family, Jaron’s great grandparents Archie and Lucille Blain were from Shawnee, Okla. In 1950, Jewell, and her three daughters relocated to California. One of whom was Jaron’s grandmother, Ethel Lucille Brandon (Blain).

Despite originally planning to attend college elsewhere, Jaron chose to register at UC Merced.

“I actually hadn’t even visited the campus, but I signed my student intent to register and literally was in classes two weeks later for summer session. Looking back however, it has been an incredible opportunity to grow. Had I been accepted to my initial first choice of UC Berkeley, I do not think I would be as developed as a student, leader or person,” said Brandon.

As a political science major, he will be spending his time as an elected student leader studying the nuances of politics at both a local and national level.

“Political science is the study of how groups of people make decisions,” said Brandon. “Whether it’s national healthcare or the potholes on your street, no other position allows a person to be empowered to make large scale changes in nearly every area for so many people.”

Having already served on the university’s Associated Student Legislature for two years, Brandon decided to pursue a higher office following a conversation with a fraternity brother. His brother, who was the student legislature’s Senate Pro-tempore, pointed out the campus had a need for leaders who cared about the role of student government. As the head of the campus’ first political party and after five months of campaigning, Brandon is now the acting President of the UC Merced student body.

“It’s long hours, a lot of responsibility, high pressure and all for about \$3.40 a day. But for me, I’m passionate about what I do and those that I serve,” he said.

As a Native American, Brandon also has a different perspective

on being a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. The distance between the traditional homelands in Oklahoma and California gives rise to a different view that many CPN members have.

“Much of the Native American issues in California deal with reservation gambling and less about the culture,” commented Brandon. “But the regional meetings and online resources, especially the tribal video department, help me connect to the tribe despite the distance. Their work has really shed a light on many of the activities performed back in Oklahoma.”

On what it means being Potawatomi, for Brandon, the distance between the tribe’s home and traditions are equaled by the notion that sense of community connect his fellow tribal members from District 7’s California, Nevada and Hawaii-based residents.

“Seeing such a diverse set of people coming together for a common purpose, ritual and shared sense of familiarity is very meaningful to me.”

CPN Police Department commends Officer Russell Ross, promotes Chris Berry to sergeant

Chief of Police Jim Collard presented awards for meritorious service to two members of the Citizen Potawatomi Police Department before assembled guests at the tribal court in Shawnee, Okla.

Citizen Potawatomi Nation Officers Russell Ross and Chris Berry were recognized for their professionalism and dedication in the field of law enforcement. Ross was awarded a letter of commendation by Chief Jim Collard for his apprehension of two suspects in a stolen vehicle,

while Berry was promoted to Sergeant.

“These officers work reflects the highest level of law enforcement professionalism and the dedication that brings honor to themselves and the CPNPD. We have a great police department and are proud to serve the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.”

Ross, a former Marine and officer for the city of Prague, has been with the CPNPD since February 2013.



Officer Ross speaks as he is presented with his commendation by Chief Jim Collard.



Officer Berry is promoted to sergeant by Judge Phil Lujan.

“We get into challenging situations in our work, but it does make dealing with them easier knowing you have everyone behind you,” said Ross. “I want to thank all of you out here for making it easier on me to be successful in my job.”

Officer Chris Berry was promoted to Sergeant, a position that will also see him take up the tribal police’s night shift. He is the former Chief of the Wetumka Police Department and has been

with CPNPD since January 2013.

“Rank is earned, not given,” added Collard as he presented Berry’s promotion. “I am pleased to promote Chris to sergeant, and say that knowing he will be a good, steady hand needed on the night shift.”

“I’ve been in law enforcement for 22 years, and for as long as I have been with CPN’s police department; it has always felt like a family,” said Berry. “Not to take

away from any other shifts, but I believe citizens expect and need protection while they sleep. The night shift is not something I take lightly, and I look forward to continuing to serve.”

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation Police Department was founded more than two decades ago to protect tribal assets and employees, increase public safety and enhance the general well-being of the community.

Language and Culture

CPN's Lakota Pochedley finds her way in Native American education —

Exploring the history and identity of Native American culture has become increasingly prominent since the 1975 passage of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act. As Native people were given expanded rights to determine their own path, academic studies focusing on the identity and its effects of present day policies have come to the forefront. Citizen Potawatomi Nation member Lakota Pochedley studies such topics in hopes of one day helping shape Native American education for the better.

Pochedley, a descendent of the Slavin family, decided to also focus on Native American studies during her time at Columbia University. She had initially gone to Columbia to pursue an anthropology degree due to the university’s prestigious reputation for having one of the country’s leading programs for anthropologists. Yet, an opportunity to study under well-known academic Audra Simpson prompted a change to pursue a degree in both Anthropology and Native American studies.

“She was the first Native female role model that I had ever seen in academia, and honestly it was inspiring,” said Pochedley. “Her lectures became the basis of my thesis. It laid the foundation for everything else I would eventually pursue.”

With Simpson’s assistance, Pochedley applied for and received the Class of 1939 Research Fellowship that allowed her to research about Potawatomi history in Oklahoma, Kansas and Michigan. Her honors thesis specifically focused on the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. Pochedley wrote on contemporary identity politics and how Potawatomi identities have been constructed by removals and other U.S. settler colonial policies.

That research, combined with her studies, led her to the University of Texas’ graduate program where she will study Cultural Studies in Education. Her focus is in the promotion of culturally relative opportunities for educating Native American youth. One specific aspect of her research is the eventual establishment of curriculum using tribal languages and



Pochedley is a 2013 student board applicant for the National Indian Education Association.

cultural practices in education as a means of supporting tribal sovereignty.

Her interest in education, specifically for Native Americans, also influenced her decision to apply as a student board member for the National Indian Education Association (NIEA). The organization’s goal is to advance comprehensive education opportunities for Native Americans, Alaskans and Hawaiians by coordinating learning opportunity for indigenous students.

“The NIEA is one of the few organizations that produces positive, qualitative research rather than perpetuating work that compares Native students to other minorities and white students and talks about how they’re constantly failing,” explained Pochedley.

NIEA’s work also advocates and provides a forum for educators of Native youth to come together to find solutions for this underserved student population. One aspect of this is to focus on enhancing education for Native American students through the promotion of tribal language and cultural norms as a means of supporting tribal sovereignty.

“I think all tribal nations need to adopt this mentality when discussing education and opportunities for tribal youth,” said Pochedley. “A lot of times, sovereignty is only relegated to the realms of land, governance, and economics or finances. Why is educational sovereignty ignored or rarely discussed?”

Elaborating on this, Pochedley explained that once her studies are complete, which eventually will include a PhD, she is interested in establishing a Potawatomi immersion school for tribal youth.

“Language is such a huge aspect of identity building. It is also thoroughly denied to Native students by sitting them in American-Eurocentric classrooms. You understand yourself differently in different languages because the languages themselves have differences in the way they understand and portray the world.”

“Simply put, we’re called the Potawatomi because that’s what the French called us. But growing up my family always explained that we were Neshnabe (“True people”) or Bodewadmi (“People of the Fire”). It’s a completely different way to construct your

identity or understandings of your identity.”

Her passion for Potawatomi immersion-based education opportunities stems from her own experiences as a French student. Pochedley says that despite taking classes for six years as a high school and college student, she never spoke the language until her time in the French-speaking African nation of Senegal.

“Immersion is a whole other level of learning, and since we do not have many first-language or fluent speakers, it would begin to fill this void. Also, it is so much easier to learn languages at a young age, and doing so can be an identity affirming experience.”

Pochedley has not only studied the issue of Native American education, but also served the tribe’s language learning services over the course of the past two summers. An alumna of the Potawatomi Leadership Program, she worked closely with the staff of the Cultural Heritage Center and Language Departments. In 2012, she continued on as an intern with the Language Department and Cultural Preservation Department and this past summer worked directly

with the FireLodge Tribal Youth Program.

As she enters her graduate program at the University of Texas, Pochedley reflects the next generation of tribal members who have grown up in a time where the knowledge of their past was more accepted and open to study.

“I was taught to be proud because elders and ancestors within my family grew up in a time where it was hard to be proud, where they were made fun of and faced constant systematic and overt racism. Yet they still managed to pass on their pride and knowledge to me,” she explained. “My ideas of what it means to be a neshnabekwe have grown during college, particularly because it was a different kind of space where I could grow and understand different aspects of my indigenous identity and also what it meant to lead within an indigenous community. However being proud and respectful never changed throughout my life. The struggles and stories of my ancestors and elders have always grounded me and help me understand where I come from.”

Citizen Potawatomi Nation receives Business Partner of the Year Award —

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation was honored with the Business Partner of the Year award from Salvation Army Shawnee for the year 2012. The award was presented to CPN at the annual volunteer appreciation luncheon.

“When I first came here I was blown away by the involvement of CPN,” said LT. Phillip Canning, Salvation Army Shawnee. “They are involved in numerous ways, either by volunteering or donating items and even donating funds. We couldn’t do what we do without their support and we thank them for that.”

FireLake Discount Foods volunteers to serve meals and prepares meals for about 80 people each month. They also help with the annual spaghetti dinner and volunteer for the Christmas distribution.



Marketing Manager Nicole Sanchez accepted the Business Partner of the Year award on behalf of CPN.

“We are proud to help our community and organizations like the Salvation Army,” said Citizen Potawatomi Nation Vice-Chairman Linda Capps. “We hope that our contributions will help build a better community in Shawnee and we are thankful for the opportunity to serve. We look forward to continuing this relationship as the years go on.”

CPN contributed more than \$1.7 million to local non-profits in Pottawatomie County, provided \$203,495 to Oklahoma schools and made \$21.3 million in tax payments and payments in lieu of taxes in 2012.

Building your credit from the ground up —

By Tina Pollard, Consumer Lending Coordinator at the Citizen Potawatomi Community Development Corporation

Building a good credit score can be as easy as 1,2,3. The first step in raising your score is to make as many on-time payments as possible. Although you will save on interest, sometimes it is not in your best interest to pay off early. Any loan less than 12 months will likely have little to no affect on your score.

The second step for credit building is to ensure you have

at least two items reporting to the credit bureaus. If you only have one item reporting you will build credit, but not as quickly. Preferably a mixture of accounts is preferred; such as a credit card and a mortgage or an auto loan and a credit card. You must remember though that not all credit cards are equal; creditors would rather see a reputable bank credit card over retail credit cards.

The third step in raising your credit score is to monitor your credit and dispute or validate any items you consider incorrect. It is your right as a consumer to receive a free credit report from each bureau once a year. You can pull your free, unscored credit report from www.annualcreditreport.com.

The Citizen Potawatomi Community Development

Corporation (CPCDC) offers free credit counseling to all CPN members and their families. Credit counseling can be done by phone or in person and includes a full review of your scored credit report. In addition to credit counseling the CPCDC offers a Credit Builder Loan program that allows CPN members build credit with a secured loan. The Credit Builder Loan works differently than most loans since

you make the payments first. The loan payments you make are reported to the credit bureaus and the loan pays out after you make the last payment. If you are interested in any of the CPCDC programs you may contact their office at 405-878-4697 or visit our website at www.cpcdc.org.

CPN Members visit the archives of the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian

By Eva Marie Carney, CPN District 2 Legislator

On September 27, 2013, sixteen Citizen Potawatomi and their family members visited the archives of the Smithsonian’s National Museum of the American Indian. A short drive from the Washington Mall and the Museum, in Suitland, Md., our visit began with a lunch at the Museum Support Center next door where we met new friends and caught up with old friends.

Joining in the afternoon of activities were Virginians Karen and Bob Richey /Shaweno and Bob’s sister Dana Rees/ Kishkokwe from California (Hardin/Laframboise family); and three generations of the Tescier family – Lenore Dusold, Candace Walker, Steve Klein and Amanda Funk - all from Pennsylvania. Marylanders included Becky and Dave Olynick (Bruno family); Sue Wagner and her granddaughter Joyce Hones (Anderson Family); Whitney Greenfield and her aunt Brenda Pierce and Brenda’s daughter Michelle Cross (Curley family); and Davis Hobdy (Kahdot family). I rounded out the group as the only Juneau (from Virginia).

I secured the tour date months ago and luckily, our assigned date fell one working day before, and not after the federal government shutdown date, October 1. Anticipating our visit, the archivists pulled many household and other handmade items, included a good many woven and beaded objects, for our closer inspection.

We then were invited back to the very spacious and well lit “stacks”. There we used the lift (only the intrepid did this!) to inspect objects stored on high shelves, and otherwise were able to browse the various floor to ceiling shelving units and explore the huge collection of fabrics, objects, and sculptures made by Native people of the Americas. We also got a preview of some of the objects that will be included in the Treaties exhibit opening at the Museum in 2015 – the Potawatomi will be one among the tribes featured in the exhibit. Weapons, clothing and other objects that will be used to tell our story already had been pulled for the exhibit (you’ll see the “Treaties” sign in some of the



The tour group travelled from Calif., Md., Penn., and Va., posing just outside the Archives building.

photographs I took).

A complete set of photographs and provenance data for all the Potawatomi items in the NMAI collection are in an Archive file pdf I would be happy to furnish you by email or CD if you send me a note requesting it. Blake Norton, our Tribal Archivist, helped with our selection of

items and I am grateful for his ongoing help with archives tours. The Cultural Heritage Center has a CD of the collection should you be interested in viewing it while in Oklahoma. Smithsonian employee Victoria Craner and her staff were very gracious and knowledgeable guides and I am pleased to have



A photo of the treaties signed by the Potawatomi with the U.S. Government.

capacity of 15, so we’ll just have to keep going back to get as many of us in as are interested! Migwetch for reading this and for viewing the pictures. More photos are posted on my website, www.evamariecarney.com, under Photos, and many more candid photos are on Facebook: goo.gl/NQZelY.



Collections table with Potawatomi objects including wooden saddle, loom, dance rattles, and bowl.



Wooden bowl with bone dice, used in a gambling game.



Birch bark and quill work container in shelf storage in the Archives stacks.



Painted container made from deer hide.

Story of the Potawatomi to be featured in 2014 Smithsonian exhibit

Over the next year, the National Museum of the American Indian, a Smithsonian Institution based in Washington, D.C., will construct a new exhibit titled “Treaties: Great Nations in their Own Words”. Curated by well-known Native American writer and political activist Suzan Harjo, the exhibit will examine the relationship of the United States government with the numerous Native American nations and treaties signed between them. The exhibition, which is due to open in 2014, is meant to highlight the unique form of indigenous sovereignty the U.S. features today with relation to sovereign tribal governments.

A main feature of this exhibition will be the Potawatomi, who will be highlighted in the third section of the exhibition. This section will examine the shift in U.S. strategy towards treaties, when they began to be used as a means of forcing land concessions for the expanding American nation.

Dr. David Penney of the Smithsonian Institution elaborated on the reasoning for focusing the on the Potawatomi.

“The Potawatomi treaties, over forty of them, more than any other Native Nation of the United States, are one of the case studies

here. The Potawatomi experience demonstrates all the coercive tactics of forcing land cessions and removal, culminating in the forced removal of the Trail of Death.”

The Potawatomi Trail of Death Caravan recently ended its latest tracking of tracking of the original route taken by displaced Potawatomi in September 1838. The caravan, which takes place every five years, concluded its 600-mile journey from Rochester, Ind. to Osawatomie, Kan. with a commemorative Mass at the Sugar Creek Mission.

“We thought that the story of the Potawatomi treaties offered a powerful way for visitors to understand the Removal era more generally speaking, and how treaties at that time ceased to be negotiations in good faith but coercion as federal policy,” explained Penney. “We wanted our visitors to be aware of the human cost of those policies. On the other hand, the case study includes stories about how some Potawatomi managed to stay (Pokegon) or return to the Midwest. It concludes with the Potawatomi annual gatherings of today, messaging that despite those challenging events, Potawatomi sovereignty remains



The old Potawatomi campsite in Linn County, Kan., once known as Sugar Creek, was the final stop on the 1838 Potawatomi Trail of Death.

strong.”

With Potawatomi bands spread out across the United States and Canada, the Smithsonian Institute’s focus on the tribe and its removal is of great interest to the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

“When we learned of the National Museum of the American Indian’s plans to focus on the experience of our tribe, specifically the affect that treaties and removals had on us as a people, we were very excited,” said Citizen Potawatomi Nation Vice Chairman Linda Capps.

“Our dealings with the U.S. government are an important part of our tribal history and future. It is great to have it on display at such an important venue like the Smithsonian.”

Starla Griffith: Helping manage CPN's health clinics

With a pharmacy, dental clinic, Behavioral Health, and medical lab, the East health clinic of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation is more than a simple doctor’s office and waiting room. Conducting around 1,700 medical appointments each month, the healthcare staff works full time in serving members of Native American tribes. Heading up the staff of the East Clinic in its day-to-day tasks is Clinic Manager, Starla Griffith.

Griffith was raised in Bethel Acres, Okla. a small community just outside the tribal headquarters in Shawnee, and still lives there to this day. She got her start in the healthcare field at Southwest Medical Center in Oklahoma City, where she began as a nurse following the completion of a nursing degree at East Central University in Ada, Okla.

During her time at Southwest, Griffith became interested in learning the administrative side of healthcare in addition to her normal nursing duties. She was involved in the medical center’s establishment of its first angioplasty recovery unit.

Her growing experience in the Emergency Room and Intensive Care Unit at South West Medical Center led her to her next professional opportunity. After five years of work at Southwest Medical Center, Griffith took the position as the ER Director at Mission Hill Memorial Hospital, as it was then known.

Having established a record of setting higher standards of professional appearance and nursing practice at Mission Hill Memorial Hospital, Griffith applied for the latter’s Director of Nursing position. The added responsibilities of the new position were both challenging and rewarding for a nurse only a few years out of college.

“I was 27 when I first applied, and

they told me that I was too young to take over the position where I would be in charge of nurses older than I was at the time,” said Griffith. “In my interview with the CEO of the hospital, I told him that if he gave me three months and wasn’t satisfied, I would return to my previous position. However, I never went back.”

The position’s responsibilities included overseeing the hospital’s pharmacy, attending Medical Staff meetings, Insuring hospital compliance with regulatory and accreditation standards, and presenting reports to the board of directors on a monthly basis.

In 2002, Mission Hill Memorial Hospital and Shawnee Regional Hospital unified to form one health care system called Unity Health Center. Griffith served as Chief Nursing Officer of both locations until February of 2011.

“I felt that after 21 years of being on 24-hour-a-day-call, and participating in multiple accreditation and quality surveys, I might have a chance at living longer if I explored other career opportunities,” Griffith said laughing. “I had worked with Dr. Spurlock at Unity Health Center while he was working concurrently with CPN as the Director of Health Services and Medical Director, he always had positive things to say about CPN so when the opportunity with the tribe came up, I felt that it would be a good fit.”

Now as the tribe’s East Clinic Manager, Griffith puts her experience as a nurse administrator to use. Speaking about her time at CPN, she is positive about the differences she notices in comparison to her previous two posts at Southwest Medical Center and Unity Health Center.

“Patients here are very appreciative of our services,



Griffith, a Bethel Acres native, oversees the CPN health clinics and staff.

but they’re also great about giving feedback, be it positive or opportunities for improvement. They want to know all about you, where you’re from, and it is just a completely different atmosphere than inpatient health care.”

Along with Director of Health Services Tim Tall Chief, Griffith has helped enhance the tribe’s health services for tribal members of all Native American tribes, focusing efforts on improving patient flow and eliminating as many hurdles possible for our patients.

“Starla came to us with some highly developed organizational skills she has many years in this health field and we feel very lucky to have her at CPN,” said Tall Chief.

With more than 6,000 active charts and 1,700 medical visits each month, the load carried by the clinic’s staff remains impressive.

“The main difference between the CPN clinics and some other Indian Health Clinics is that we

are structured like a traditional private practice physician office, working on appointment basis only,” said Griffith. “Some Indian clinics work on a first come, first serve basis, causing patients to spend a great deal of time waiting and hoping they will be seen that day. Patients at the CPN clinics are assigned a personal provider, who if possible, they see on each visit. Each provider also has six open slots each day for same day appointments.”

“Our focus on improving our healthcare services has been a patient centered approach, reducing wait times for provider visits as well as outpatient Lab, Imaging, and Pharmacy services. The best example of this is our Coumadin Clinic which was opened in February of 2012. We recognized that our patients were having multiple stops and extended wait times when they were having their blood levels checked for their medication. We took the necessary steps to eliminate the multiple hoops to jump through, streamlined our processes and created a one

stop plan for the patients which resulted in improvement in their overall experience as well as the necessary one-on-one attention often needed to insure the best medical outcome in their care.”

The clinics are the primary source of medical care for many Potawatomi, with around 50 percent of the patients seen being CPN members. At the dental clinic, it is about 70 percent. The pharmacy fills between 600-900 orders each day, and the lab runs processes around 500 tests a month, and Contract Health processes an average of 600 referrals per month.

“As staff, we won’t put the patients through anything that we wouldn’t want to if we were in their position,” she said. “Our goal is to have our patients see CPN’s clinics as their ‘medical home’. The first place they go if they’re in need if it isn’t an emergency situation. Judging by our growing numbers, I think we are well on our way.”

Healthy Holidays - Tips for staying fit during the eating months

By Torie Fuller, CPN Dietician

The average person admits that they gain between 7-10 pounds between Thanksgiving and Christmas, and most people won’t ever shed those extra pounds. For people who are already overweight, the holiday

weight news is worse. Although the average gain is only one pound, people who are already overweight tend to gain a lot more. These are some tips on how to stay fit during the eating months.

• Enjoy your “must-have” treats. Be choosy. Promise yourself that you will have a few favorites over the holidays and aim to make healthy choices the rest of the time.

• Watch your portions. The best way to manage your weight and enjoy delicious holiday foods is to be mindful of portion size. One good tip is to use a smaller plate – try it at your next buffet or potluck.

• Drink in moderation. Don’t forget that fancy drinks with lots of sugar and cream might have nearly as many calories as a meal!

• Don’t wait for January 1 to start your New Year’s resolution. Try making a holiday season resolution instead. Some ideas to try: go for a walk after dinner; have a healthy breakfast each morning; de-stress with a good night’s sleep; have a vegetarian meal once a week; or learn to menu plan.

• Enjoy this time of year! You may be so busy buying presents, entertaining guests, decorating the home and going out to celebrate that you forget to take the time to just relax. Enjoy good food (in moderation) and quality time with family and friends.

• You can go out to restaurants and have a delicious meal that won’t be too much for your waistline. The trick? Eat more veggies.

• Are you having a cookie exchange or potluck with your co-workers? Try some healthier recipes to share with the group.

• Don’t use the cold as an excuse not to go outside and play. Explore the winter wonderland just build snow angels or a snowman with your kids. You’ll be having so much fun you won’t even notice the weather.

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation Child Development Center started off the month of September by beginning preschool. We now have two **three-year-old preschool classrooms** and an **advanced Pre-K for our four-year-olds**.

Children in our preschool class are taught by **highly educated teachers** who plan curriculum and activities around a weekly theme. We have teachers on staff who provide daily music and movement classes as well as our new physical education class.

We are very excited to start this new school year, and look forward to enriching the lives of the children within our center as well as learning from them.

If you are interested in enrolling your child in our program, please feel free to stop in and pick up an application or print one online at www.potawatomi.org by going to the services tab, clicking on community and then clicking on Child Development link. Once you are there, you will see a link for downloading an application.

LOCK YOUR MEDS

Know what prescriptions your family is taking and count the pills regularly

Lock your medications in a secure cabinet or medicine safe to ensure access is controlled

Protect your family from the newest drug dealer... YOUR MEDICINE CABINET

POTTAWATOMIE ALLIANCE TOWARD COMMUNITY HEALTH

Call (405)275-3391

www.gatewaytoprevention.org

facebook

Message provided through the Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grant (SPG-SIG) from ODMHSAS.

CPN Veterans Report



Bozho,

Survivor guilt. By now everyone has heard about the growing problem of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) that afflicts soldiers returning from combat zones. First identified

in the 1960s, it is finally being recognized by the military as a real problem and is being studied and dealt with, as best they can, with medication, therapy and growing understanding. But a different, yet closely related, problem has surfaced that is just

beginning to get some attention, survivor’s guilt. A guilt carried by survivors of a conflict, a disaster, or combat. In reality sufferer doesn’t even have to experience any action. For instance, two military units can be assigned to a combat zone. They rotate mission duties. One unit goes on patrol one time and then the other unit goes out the next time. One unit gets hit with action and loses soldiers. The soldiers in that unit who survive may feel guilty about doing so, and those in the other unit may also feel guilty because they weren’t there. It can dwell underneath and fester, causing greater emotional problems. Emotional problems can be hard to see and recognize,

even for those inflicted.

Back in May 1965, just before Vietnam became a hot spot, I had just completed my special schooling in the Marines and my class was receiving our individual assignments. I received orders for Japan and didn’t really feel excited about it. One of my buddies got orders for Yuma, Arizona. He expressed a desire for Japan and I envied Yuma. He said, “Lets switch!” So, we did. In July 1965 Vietnam got hot and the Marines pulled troops from Japan for the action. My first thoughts at this news, was for my buddy who traded places with me. I never heard from him again, but I think of him often. I have survivor’s guilt. It’s real and

many suffer from it. Just another price veterans willingly pay to serve our country. Migwetch!

In November the CPN Veterans Organization is having a Thanksgiving and Christmas dinner at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, 12 November 2013 in the North Reunion Hall on the Potawatomi Pow-wow Grounds. All CPN Veterans and their families are welcome. For more information about our organization and how to become a member, you can attend one of our meetings or visit our website at: www.cpnveterans.org.

Daryl Talbot, Commander

Youth bowling scholarships available to offset some college costs

With the price of a college education rising each year, the need for future students to find funding is as important as taking the ACT. Athletic and academic scholarships are well-known ways of getting this added financial assistance.

For youth around the country, another form of academic assistance is available via the sport of bowling. Through the U.S. Bowling Congress (USBC), more than \$6 million in scholarship money is available each year for participating in youth bowling events.

“It’s an untapped resource,” pointed out Chris Skillings, Director of FireLake Bowl. “Out of that \$6 million, they have never used it all. That is just money that is being left on the table that could help kids pay for college.”

Starting September 14 and running through the December, FireLake Bowling Center will begin its youth program. Any youth from the age of five can begin the program at a cost of \$7 for each Saturday session they bowl three games and receive rental bowling shoes at no cost. To qualify for the scholarships, participants of the Saturday youth program pay an annual USBC membership

fee of \$17. Youth who want to can also enter into USBC-sanctioned tournaments which also offer their own separate scholarship funds.

The Oklahoma Grand Prix Scholarship Program has a \$5 enrolment each year until graduation that each Saturday session they bowl at FireLake, they accrue points that go towards scholarship funds available once they begin their college careers. To have access to the scholarship money they have earned, youth bowlers must continue the program throughout their academic careers until they are 18.

“In the two years that we been open I’ve had several of my kids that have won scholarships in USBC tournaments,” said FireLake’s Youth and Events Coordinator Randy Loftis.

FireLake Bowling Center also offers an after-school bowling program for high schoolers each Tuesday and Thursday afternoon starting November 1. While not affiliated with the high schools in the area directly

“It is designed for youth who aren’t playing high school sports but who still want to learn to bowl. Our instructors at FireLake teach them



Local youth have ample opportunities to earn college scholarships from their participation in the youth bowling programs on offer at FireLake Bowling Center.

the basics, and it is all for free. Hopefully their participation can let them enjoy the sport, and in a best case scenario, they become good enough to perhaps bowl at the collegiate level,” said Skillings.

A number of colleges nationwide have competitive bowling teams or clubs, some of which have financial assistance. A full list of USBC-affiliated collegiate teams can be found at www.collegebowling.com/teams.

If you would like to learn more about youth bowling around the Citizen Potawatomi Nation

headquarters in Shawnee, Okla. please contact FireLake Bowling Center at 405-275-0404 ex 0 or visit www.FireLakebowl.com. To find more information about college scholarships for youth bowlers, please visit www.bowl.com/youth/youth_home/scholarships.

FireLake hosts PBA Southwest Regional Tournament

Chris Barnes of Double Oak, Texas took the inaugural PBA Southwest Region Players Invitational over the weekend at FireLake Bowling Center in Shawnee, Oklahoma. Barnes, one of the top bowlers on the Professional Bowling Association’s (PBA) national tour finished ahead of Tulsa-native Mike Edwards.

In August 2012, the PBA unveiled a new format for championships in the country’s six regions. Players must qualify among the top-48 in the region’s season long points race. The winners of each regional championship get an automatic entry to the 2013 World Series of Bowling.

“When the PBA decided on this new regional tournament format, I immediately called up (FireLake Bowling Center General Manager) Chris Skillings,” said PBA Southwest Region Director Pete McCordic. “Since FireLake had done such a good job hosting the event in April, I had no hesitation in requesting that they host the regional invitational.”

FireLake hosted the PBA Shawnee FireLake/Flintco Southwest Open in April, drawing players from across the southwest and from as far away as Wisconsin and California.

“To host an event like this in its first year is a really big deal,” said FireLake General Manager Chris Skillings. “Having a Friday pro-am is a good way to get people out here to meet these professional bowlers, and then over the weekend you see them go head to head and really get an idea of how good they are.”

Since its opening in 2011, FireLake Bowling Center has steadily tried to build up clientele for recreational bowlers and those who wish to pursue it as a sport.

PBA Regional Director McCordic agreed, commenting, “There are a lot of new bowling centers being built, but many are more focused on promoting birthday parties and corporate outings rather than bowling as a sport. But I hand it to Chris and FireLake. While those are understandably big parts of your



Tulsa’s Mike Edwards finished second at the 2013 South west Regional Tournament.

income as a bowling center, he’s had the desire to promote bowling as a sport for both professionals and youth around here.”

Over the last few months, FireLake Bowling Center has hosted the Mark Harmon Celebrity Bowling tournament, the AAU First Nation’s Youth Bowling Tournament and the PBA Shawnee FireLake/Flintco Southwest Open. It also hosts after school bowling events for high school students as well as a youth bowling program that can help students accrue scholarships for college.

If you would like to learn more about youth bowling around the Citizen Potawatomi Nation headquarters in Shawnee, Okla. please contact FireLake Bowling Center at 405-275-0404 ex 0 or visit www.FireLakebowl.com. To find more information about college scholarships for youth bowlers, please visit www.bowl.com/youth/youth_home/scholarships.

Are you related to any of the following individuals? Citizen Potawatomi Nation’s is looking for information to probate the estates of our Trust Property owning Tribal members. If you have any information please contact Matt Masilon at Real Estate Services at (405) 395-0113.

- Savannah Drake - Estate of Dwight Blaine Drake
- Patrick Slattery and Patricia Alice Ely (or any heirs) - Estate of Patricia Alice Ely (any and all relatives or heirs)
- Robert E. Copeland Jr. - Estate of Robert E. Copeland Jr. - (any and all relatives or heirs)
- Clyde Vernon Hicks - Estate of Clyde Vernon Hicks (any and all relatives or heirs)
- Christopher Pitcher and Mary Pitcher - Estate of Molly Pitcher
- Georgia B. Sanchez - Estate of Georgia B. Sanchez (any and all relatives or heirs)

The history of the Bourbonnais Cabin

Just off the north edge of the FireLake Golf Course’s driving range, near the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Cultural Heritage Center is a log cabin that

Cultural Heritage Center. “Mary and Antoine Bourbonnais, as Native Americans of Potawatomi descent, also epitomized that same driving force which led



The cabin after being struck by a tornado in 1905.

looks as if it has appeared straight out of an old Western movie.

them to start new beginnings and thrive here in Indian Territory,

Built in 1881, outside of what was then called Shawneetown, the cabin was first owned by store owner and trader Louis Tyner at the site of the present day St. Anthony’s Center for Rehabilitation on the Western side of Gordon Cooper Avenue. A year later, one of four Potawatomi families who relocated to Indian Territory from Kansas in 1872 purchased it. That family, headed by Antoine and Mary Anderson Bourbonnais, would eventually be recognized as members of the 49 original founding families of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

“Log cabins epitomize the sun up to sun down, hardworking character that America thrived on in the beginnings of the early pioneering days of building this country,” explained Stacy Coon, Collections Manager at the CPN



Moving the cabin from its original location to the east side of Gordon Cooper Drive in the 1970s.

Oklahoma as citizens of this great country.”

The couple was active in the local community. Antoine is recognized for his service in helping the Quaker missionaries build the Friends Mission Church, which



Ozetta Bourbonnais at home in her family’s cabin.

currently sits just north of the Golf Course and CPN Cultural Heritage Center. He is reported to have helped supply the lumber and windows along with the structure’s bell, which still sits atop it today. Mary served as the local doctor, midwife and record keeper as well as overseeing the territory’s first Sunday School as

said to have been discreetly built to house the brothers as they hid from the law. While sources debate this tale, one fact remains that a grandchild of Antoine and

structure.

During the 1970s, the cabin was acquired and restored by the Pottawatomie County Historical Society and relocated across Gordon Cooper Drive near the Friend’s Mission Church. It sat there, in a state of dilapidation until the Citizen Potawatomi Nation acquired the structure in 2007.

As part of an overall restorative process, the cabin was taken apart log-by-log and shipped to a company in Illinois where each piece of lumber was treated and preserved. It was then shipped back to CPN tribal lands and assembled on tribal lands.



The Bourbonnais Cabin as it looks today.

Mary was named Jesse James Bourbonnais, speculated to have been named so in honor of the outlaw.

The structure has withstood two direct hits by Oklahoma’s tornadoes, once in 1905 and again in 2007. It is open during the annual CPN Family Festival each June for visitation and visits on request can be made at the CPN Cultural Heritage Center, Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and on Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. – 3 p.m.

The Bourbonnais Cabin, as it came to be known, was rented out following Mary’s passing in 1922. It was rented to Pottawatomie families under the agreement that Mary and Antoine’s last living descendent, Ozetta Bourbonnais, received half the pecans harvested from the trees surrounding the

The Downed Feather Ceremony

By Daryl Talbot, Commander of the CPN Veterans Organization

I attended the 2013 Gathering of Nations in Michigan in August. The weather was beautiful and it was a great learning experience. Something occurred that I had not witnessed before, a “Downed Feather Ceremony”.

This is a special ceremony that deals with dropped eagle feathers in the arena. If the feather is dropped outside of the arena, it is picked up by a veteran with an eagle fan and carried to the arena and placed on the ground. The arena director locates the owner and then the ceremony is performed.

Historically and traditionally, the eagle feather is the spirit of a fallen warrior and can only be matched in power by a warrior. This has been the practice for centuries and remains today. Recording and photographing such a ceremony is strictly forbidden and to ensure this, veterans who have seen action will stand in a circle around the ceremony and face outward while it takes place.

Tribes who follow strict traditions

and customs will only allow veterans who have seen action dance and retrieve the spirit of the feather. Usually a veteran representing each of the four cardinal directions are used to dance around the feather. In the dance, the first two verses are straight with no downbeats, paying respect to the Creator and the Spirit of the Fallen Warrior. The next four verses will have the dancers charge the feather on the downbeat. This downbeat represents the cannon and gunfire heard while charging the enemy on the battlefield. On each charge, dancers will touch the feather with their right hand, also known as taking coup.

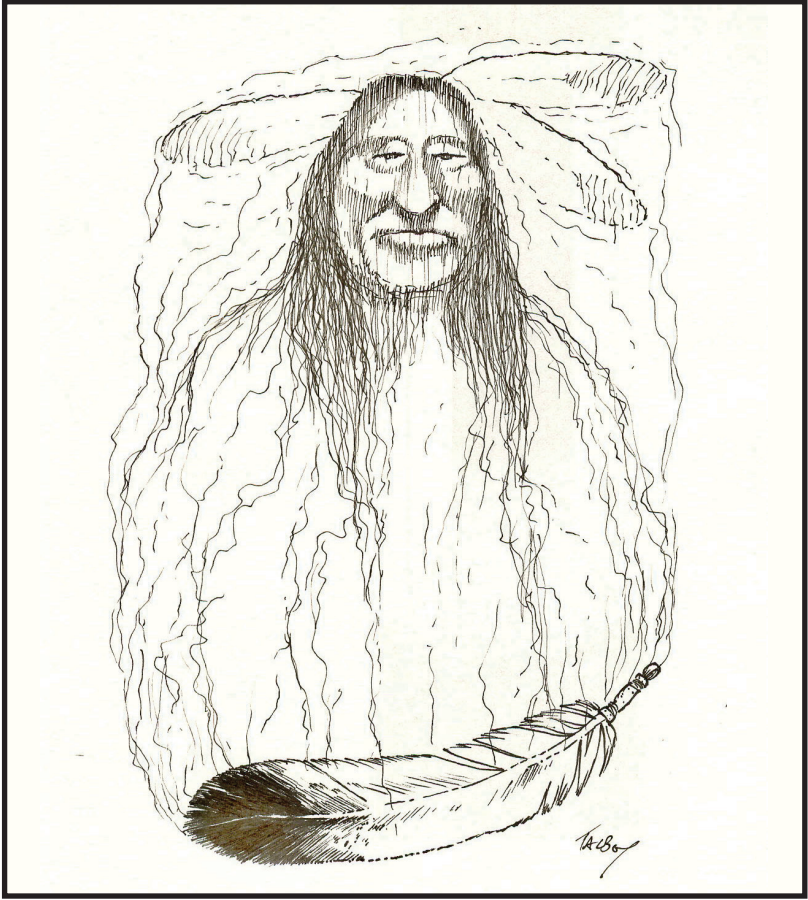
After the sixth verse, the honored veteran will pick the feather up and facing East, acknowledge the Spirit World. He must appease the Spirit by telling a true war story that is humble and explains a lesson. When the story is finished, the veteran will pick up the feather with his left hand while giving a war whoop to show he has captured the spirit of the feather,

before finally returning it to the owner.

In cases of a bustle of feathers, a spirit leader will say a prayer and smudge the feather to purify and cleanse them before the ceremony. Always remember to respect eagle feathers, because they are a life. Migwetch!

Remember, the CPN Veterans Organization meets every month on the fourth Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. (or as soon as you can get there) at the North Reunion Hall on the Potawatomi Pow-wow Grounds. All CPN veterans and their families are welcome. For more information about our organization and how to become a member, you can attend one of our meetings or visit our website at www.cpnveterans.org.

Daryl Talbot, Commander



Since it is forbidden to photograph the ceremony, Talbot illustrated an artistic rendering.

Potawatomi Cornerstone

By Charles Clark, Director, Tribal Rolls

Bozho Nican,

Welcome to another edition of the Potawatomi Cornerstone. I missed last month’s deadline due to the number of Fall semester scholarships our department was taking care of. We are expected to top 1,600 applications. The number of college bound students continues to rise. Congratulations.

This edition welcomes Mark Mars, whose lineage is traced back to the Peltier family. His great grandmother was Clarissa [Peltier] Mars. Mark has worked for the CPN since 2001. His current position is I.T. Manager for Firelake Entertainment.

Mark has another talent, however. And if you ever attended the CPN Star Searches in the past or hung out at VZD’s on a Friday night in Oklahoma City, you no doubt heard him play his original songs.

He was born into a musical family. His mother played guitar and his

dad played violin. When most households at this time tuned into “Batman and Lost in Space,” the Mars family made their own entertainment. Others would come over as well and join in the jams his parents hosted.

Starting on the piano, Mark learned at a very early age to appreciate music literally by playing by ear. By the time he was thirteen years old he took up the guitar.

“I played left handed then switched to right hand,” Mark noted. “I took some lessons for a couple of months, learned some scales, but I was better playing by ear.”

Growing up in McAlester, Okla., the first band Mark played in was called High Fever. Though just a high school band, Mark bought a 1955 Gretsch Duo-Jet electric guitar, a pretty serious piece of equipment to begin a career with.

After high school Mark moved to Broken Bow, Okla., where he met



Bill Smith, a violinist and guitar player. Bill took Mark under his wing and taught him some more advanced techniques and how to

write songs, which most followed along the folk-country genre.

Mark’s first paying job was in 1978

in Idabel, Okla. at the Red Barn, a county dance hall. He played songs by The Marshall Tucker Band, ZZ Top, Lynyrd Skynyrd and Jerry Jeff Walker.

“They should’ve had chicken wire in front of the stage,” Mark recalled laughing, explaining that people would occasionally throw beer cans and bottles at the performers on stage. He one incident during the band’s performance, a person in the audience, feeling a little ornery, probably from an over indulgence of the local libations, pulled out a large caliber hand-cannon and proceeded to empty its contents through the roof while ye-hawing at the top of his voice. Of course, back then was a different time. Not much attention was drawn from the crowd who kept on dancing, while the happy-trigger-two-stepper was quietly escorted out of the barn.

In those days, and I can attest to the fact being the same age as Mark, we wore our hair on the long side.

Tribal election notice

Tribal election season is underway again as Citizen Potawatomi Nation voters get set to elect candidates for Vice Chairman, Secretary-Treasurer and four members of the Legislature. District 5,6,7 and 8 are all on the ballot for the election which will take place at the Family Reunion Festival in Shawnee, Oklahoma in late June 2014.

Candidates for Vice Chairman and Secretary-Treasurer must live in Oklahoma, while those

seeking legislative seats must live within their respective districts. District 5 includes part of Texas, New Mexico, Colorado, Utah and Arizona. District 6 includes the southern portions of California and Nevada. District 7 includes the northern portions of California and Nevada. District 8 includes Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, North Dakota, South Dakota and Nebraska.

Only CPN members who are 18

or older as of Election Day will be eligible to vote. All eligible CPN voters can vote in the election for Vice Chairman and Secretary Treasurer, while only those who live within a district may vote for the legislative representative running in their respective district races. Candidates for the legislative seats must be at least 18 years old by Election Day. Candidates for the Executive positions must be at least 35 years old by Election Day. Additionally,

they must have resided in the district from which they are elected, for at least six months on Election Day.

CPN members who would like to be considered for these positions must have their declarations of candidacy in the Election Committee’s hands no later than 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 8, 2014. These declarations of candidacy must be filed through the U.S. Postal Service. Filing forms can be requested by writing

to Hownikan@potawatomi.org or calling 405-275-3121 and requesting the Public Information office.

Current incumbents in these positions are Linda Capps, Vice Chairman; D. Wayne Trousdale, Secretary-Treasurer; Gene Lambert, District 5 Legislator; Rande Payne, District 6 Legislator; Mark Johnson, District 7 Legislator; and Dave Carney, District 8 Legislator.



Western Districts 5,6, 7 and 8 are up for election this year along with the Vice Chairman and Secretary-Treasurer positions.

Citizen Potawatomi Nation Court available for all Native Americans

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation Tribal court is designed to provide enforcement of tribal laws, equal justice to all and protection of tribal sovereignty. These services are available to all Native Americans and CPN employees.

The court initially functioned as the Court of Indian Offenses for western Oklahoma beginning in 1978 and became the CPN Tribal Court in 1985. The court has expanded its caseload consistently each year to meet the needs of tribal members, tribal employees, other Native Americans and non-Indian litigants.

“We are here to serve CPN tribal members and Native Americans within the CPN jurisdiction,” said CPN Judge Lujan. “We finalize adoption petitioners, we conduct marriages, we even offer some

legal consulting.”

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation Tribal Court is comprised of a three member District Court judges, seven member Supreme Court Justices and two prosecutors. All Judges and Justices are law trained and are recognized as accomplished, well qualified and experienced individuals.

“These resources are available for all Native Americans,” added Lujan. “We do all the same things that a state court would do with an emphasis on serving the Native population.”

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation Tribal Court handles civil, criminal, Indian Child Welfare matters and juvenile matters. The Court provides forms to assist pro



Judge Phil Lujan fills out paperwork after a hearing in the CPN Tribal Court.

se petitions for many civil actions, such as divorce and guardianships and issues marriage licenses.

Court prosecutors are also available to offer general technical legal assistance to Tribal members. These questions may be in regard to child custody, divorce and guardianships. Participants must call the court clerk and complete an intake request before a prosecutor can address their questions. Prosecutors will only offer legal advice and will not provide representation in court.

To contact the court clerk please call (405) 878-4844.

Tribal Governance and CHC secure Historic Preservation Grant

In its ongoing work to preserve the Citizen Potawatomi Nation’s historical sites and artifacts, the Cultural Heritage Center has secured a federal grant from the National Parks Service to survey sites formerly or currently held by members of the tribe.

Over the next fiscal year, CPN plans to survey 12 individual properties with a total area of 80 acres.

Federal highway construction, along with federally assisted projects on tribal lands necessitated the upcoming year’s surveys. The grant’s funding is also intended to help the tribe’s surveyors consult on approximately 400 projects that lay outside of tribal lands, yet are of historic relevance to the

Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

CPN’s surveyors’ role is to identify sites and structures that fall within the jurisdiction of a comprehensive historic preservation plan. Once identified, CPN will make recommendations about how best to deal with those properties. To keep up to date with the latest surveying techniques, CPN will also participate at this year’s National Association of Tribal Historic Preservation Officers conference as well as the Oklahoma State Preservation Conference. Its surveyors will also consult with the Oklahoma Department of Transportation and the federal Bureau of Indian Affairs.

The materials produced by the surveys are based upon



A photo of a recent survey at the CPN Council House site, just north of Sacred Heart Church in south Pottawatomie County, Okla.

work assisted by a grant from the Department of the Interior, National Park Service.

Any opinions, findings and conclusions or recommendations expressed in this material are

those of the authors and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Department of the Interior.

Culture is Prevention

By Michael Logan, Tribal Youth Prevention Specialist

As you probably already know November is Native American Heritage Month. What you may not have known is how research shows that strong cultural identification makes Native American youth less vulnerable to risk factors of drug use and alcohol consumption and more able to benefit from protective factors than youth who lack this identification.

Substance abuse impacts young Native people extremely, and threatens the health, vitality and future productivity of the next generation of Native leaders. One of the strengths of Native American culture is a strong belief in family relationships and the extended family. Successful prevention is built on the foundation of the family, and transmits the cultural values held by the family.

Listed below are some cultural activities families can do together this November to get their Native American youth on the right track. All of the activities assume the participation of elders, and include the spread of tribal history, values, and beliefs. Music, drumming, and singing are also integral parts of most of these activities and they include participating in sweat lodge ceremonies,



Yannah Harjo is a freshman at Tecumseh High School. She is a member of the “Ogemak” (Potawatomi for Leadership Council) and represents the FireLodge Youth Council of CPN.

smudging, attending pow-wows and other sober community activities, hunting, fishing, and

participating in tribal sports just to name a few. One of life’s most important developmental tasks

is discovering one’s own life purpose, and Native American culture has many culturally

endorsed practices for achieving this.

FireLodge Youth Council wraps up another year while looking ahead —

The FireLodge Youth Program, established in 2008, recently wrapped up another successful program year at the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. Over 2,000 youth between the ages of 12 and 18 years old have been served by the program each year since its inception. “Our program has been truly blessed and has experienced tremendous growth over the past fiscal year. Since January 2013, we have been housed in an outstanding new facility at the Citizen Potawatomi Nation which gives our local youth access to a permanent home during afterschool and summer hours”, said B.J. Trousdale, the program’s coordinator and a CPN tribal member. The facility boasts a standard high school sized regulation basketball court, a tutoring and technology lab for student’s educational advancement, and a secure, youth-friendly atmosphere supervised by several qualified and supportive staff. The program provides local youth alternatives to staying home alone or being left unattended while most parents are working each day. Trousdale went on to say, “Ultimately, the tribe’s goal is to serve Native youth and support families to raise socially responsible and culturally competent young people. We strive to prevent delinquent and criminal behaviors among youth, wish to encourage and enhance their personal academic experience so that they graduate and pursue additional education, and, most importantly, prepare them to be knowledgeable, prepared to act, and find pride in their Native American heritage.”

Along with the recent move into their new facility, the FireLodge Youth Program also learned that it received additional funding to continue the work they started in 2008. Two federal grants were awarded this year along with a small state grant. Over the next three years, the program will continue to directly serve local youth but they are also looking forward to identifying ways to serve youth outside of the local service area. One of their programs, ‘the P.L.A.C.E.’ (Potawatomi Learning and

Cultural Exchange) seeks to serve the community, both locally but also beyond. The goal is to not only “exchange” cultural knowledge with other tribes in the area, but also to do so regionally-with all CPN

an awareness but an incorrigible desire to serve their communities, both locally and beyond- it’s just another blessing our program has been afforded in our journey and one that we can’t thank CPN tribal members enough for.”, said

positive thoughts, we are working to instill confidence and respect in our teens. We are also continuing a class called G.E.T. (Gym, Education,& Training) Native with the help of our Cultural Activities Coordinator

six school districts, over 10 tribes, and various backgrounds, including non-tribal youth living in local tribal communities. At their annual business meeting in September, the FYC made changes to their by-laws and elected five high school representatives to the “Ogamek”(a Potawatomi word for Leadership Council). Four middle school representatives were also elected this year and they will be primarily trained by their older peers to serve on the Ogamek in the near future.

The FYC are affiliates of the United National Indian Tribal Youth Network and they conduct activities related to community service, cultural heritage, environment, and healthy lifestyles. Each year the Ogamek presents multiple ideas and the council selects a project to focus on and present to their local community.

In years past, such topics included suicide prevention and bullying. This year the FYC has voted and chosen to address Native American stereotypes and cultural competence. In addition to these activities, qualified and deserving youth are also rewarded for their hard work and dedication and earn a summer leadership trip which is held each July and afforded with the funds FYC members raise throughout the year. This year’s goal will be to attend the National UNITY Conference in Portland, Oregon which will bring together approximately 1,000 Native youth from all over the United States for a week of fun, fellowship, and training. The FYC is needing to raise over \$15,000 for all eligible members to attend and any additional support is greatly appreciated! If you are unable to attend our Indian Taco Sales, car washes, annual poinsettia and garage sales, or other local community fundraiser but still wish to support the FYC, please contact us! For more information on the FYC or to help youth meet their goal, please contact their advisor Michael Logan at 405-214-5110 or michael.logan@potawatomi.org.



The FireLodge Youth Council provides a local youth oriented program for jr. high and high school students in the areas surrounding CPN headquarters.

members scattered across the United States. “We want CPN tribal youth to understand their impact. They don’t just live within the confines of Oklahoma state lines, they have the power to affect the lives of CPN-and other tribal members-living outside of their community and across the nation.”, said the program’s Prevention Specialist Michael Logan. Mr. Logan advises the FireLodge Youth Council which recently returned from their 3rd annual summer leadership trip. This year, the program took 22 youth to CPN’s District 4. While there, the members of the council worked for over two days in the Rossville Community Center and in CPN elders’ homes. “These youth were given an opportunity to serve not only individual CPN elders, but they also made many contributions to the community as a whole. “We owe Lyman Boursaw and the Senior Support Network staff, District Representative John Boursaw, author Phil Quinn, and those residents who welcomed us into their homes a great debt of gratitude for allowing our youth to visit and participate in several service and learning activities while in the Topeka, Kansas area. It is experiences like those that leave a lasting impression on youth and develop not only

Trousdale.

So what’s in store for the next program year? We are so very excited about the fall semester of the P.L.A.C.E., our afterschool club, which started off the new semester on September 3, saw few new faces and several returning members! After a short break in early August, we have experienced a 35 percent increase in regular attendees ranging from 12 to 18 years old. the P.L.A.C.E. currently has members of 10 different tribes from the surrounding area. In addition to the new members we are serving, the P.L.A.C.E. has also had the pleasure of working with two new staff members and a seasonal staff member who has returned as a permanent tutor. Kyle Miller, a former youth worker, was promoted to a new position as the Academic Support Specialist working with teens in the tutoring lab. Lena Samilton has joined us as a new youth worker this fall and Wilson Littlehead has returned after working with our program for the past three summers to work as a tutor and youth worker during the academic school year.

With a new evidence based curriculum called Positive Action, which seeks to increase positive actions by invoking

Coby Lehman, which teaches youth about their Native heritage and strives to build Native pride. That, paired with our mandatory G.E.T. Smart sessions, a 35 minute tutoring session where we encourage our students to bring homework and to work toward their academic goals- is making this semester a hit! Academic Support Specialist, Kyle Miller stated, “We know that our efforts to help Native youth to succeed would be meaningless if it weren’t for the support and consideration of the parents and guardians, tribal members at large, and the local community which supports our youth. With that being said, we would obviously like to thank the parents and guardians of our youth as well as the CPN Tribal community and their leaders for allowing us to help these youth achieve their goals!”

In addition to the daily program activities, the Firelodge Youth Council also met in September to begin another year. The FYC was created in 2010 and has since grown to over 30 youth from all over northern Pottawatomie County. These youth meet once a month for business meetings, and at least once a month for social or community service events. The council currently represents

CPN fields provide positive yields in 2013

The commercial interests managed by the Citizen Potawatomi Nation vary from grocery stores, banks and even an eagle aviary. One enterprise seen by many who travel to the tribal headquarters in Shawnee, Okla. is the agricultural production from the fields falling under CPN management.

Since mid-2010, the tribe has partnered with McKinley Farms, a local operation who oversees the day-to-day management of the tribe’s farm properties. This land is used to produce wheat, corn, soybeans and graze cattle.

“We try to make the best decisions, limit the risk and ultimately take care of the tribe’s land as we would for any producers who trust us with their assets,” explained Gerrad McKinley of McKinley Farms. “We treat the tribe’s land like it

was our own.”

The state was affected by a multi-year drought in the past years, though in 2013 a wet spring and early summer helped the crop. In 2012, Oklahoma yielded between 70-71 million bushels of wheat. In 2013, the state’s total crop more than doubled, yielding 160 bushels of wheat. For CPN, its 274 acres designated for wheat production yielded more than 19,000 bushels.

A double crop to the wheat, CPN’s soy bean yield has yet to be harvested. The soybeans are no tilled, meaning they are planted in the leaf stubble of the harvested wheat crop.

“We’re just trying to maximize the resources we have to work with,” said McKinley. “You never know what you can get unless you try. We’re just selling it to commercial outfits that go



The combines, seen here harvesting the corn crop in the field next to the CPN Administration Building, are operated by McKinley Farms.

on and market it to buyers who use it in a number of ways.”

The soybeans have multiple uses, the most common being as feed for livestock. The soybeans also contain oil which can be used as an energy producer.

CPN’s corn crop, which was planted throughout the several of the tribe’s designated agricultural holdings totaling 615 acres, yielded approximately 120 per

acre. Once harvested, the corn is stored on silos and storage containers on tribal land at Shawnee Milling Company.

Progress Update: CPN eagle surgery at Oklahoma State University Center for Veterinary Health Sciences

By Jennifer Randell and Bree Dunham, CPN Eagle Aviary

The doctors and staff at OSU have been a great asset to the CPN Eagle Aviary and we are fortunate to have them nearby to call on for expert care when situations such as these arise. We are happy to report that both eagles will make a full recovery and expect to have no further complications concerning either condition. They both seem happy to be out of their small kennels required for daily treatment and back out into their enclosures.

Gracie, pictured right, had to have a growth removed from her third toe. Diagnostic test results showed the mass to be benign. Her toe is now almost completely healed and there is little evidence that she had any

procedure. While she was out of the enclosure new perching was added and she seems to approve as she spends a good deal of time perched there.

Finch, pictured below, had to have his previous surgery repaired. The first surgery was done before he arrived at the CPN but it was not healing well. He had spent very little time in the enclosures here and seems to be adjusting very well. He seems to approve of the new perch as well, perching there anytime Gracie does not.



Finch (left) and Gracie are doing well now that they’re on the mend.

Wadase eagle update

By Bree Dunham and Jennifer Randell, CPN Eagle Aviary

In the quiet of the aviary pasture, the cottonwood trees just behind the wigwam frames are stirred by a soft breeze, creating a familiar chorus like that of a running stream, as the sun starts its descent into the night sky. Wadase Zhabwe is silhouetted against last rays of light as she looks down from her lofty perch at the young bucks playfully challenging each other. The sound of their antlers rattling together breaks into

Since her release in early spring, she has molted almost all of her damaged feathers and has learned to fly quite well. Several groups who visited the aviary have had the opportunity to see her put on quite a show flying from tree to tree in one corner of the pasture to the next. There are rare mornings when she still sits perched atop the aviary enclosures or stays perched just out front on her favorite crooked

Squirrel Creek near the aviary grounds to roost. Occasionally, like this evening, she roosts in the aviary pasture.

During the summer she was content to perch on the wigwam frames but now that she has mastered landing and can reach a high perch with ease she spends less time at low levels. There are now longer stretches of time when we do not see her and have to rely on GPS to locate her. She spent two weeks along three miles of the river and when she returned to the aviary she did not eat the first day, certainly an indication that she is catching food on her own. As well as the times that rather than landing on the platform to eat she will fly by and at the last second, reach down and take food right off the platform. In the past she would have to land to get the food.

This autumn heavy northern wintery storms have arrived early and have sent many migrating birds of all kinds into our state, including eagles. We have had several eagles visit the property within the last few weeks and some of those visitors did not meet her approval. As they flew



One of the visitors we’ve had lately, an adult flying just above the aviary. Wadase hasn’t been as welcoming to the guests.

the evening’s quiet melody and she stretches, tucking one foot up under her. She offers up an occasional reluctant chatter as if urging them to move on.

She is settled in for the night. Most of her entire life has been documented either by GPS or photography but this moment seems to perfect to disrupt with even a camera. Her return to this space freely when she now has the tools and skills to fly wherever she chooses is beyond words. We have worked hard to keep this area a quiet, safe and supportive space for her and her acceptance of us in returning to this space here is quite a reward.

limb in the pecan tree for hours, however, on nice days she spends more and more time out flying. GPS telemetry data tells us she has broken 2000 feet during



Sitting on her favorite perch.

The cool night air begins to creep across the pasture reminding us that summer has taken its leave and a new season has arrived. Wadase Zhabwe continues to change with the seasons as well.

flight and she regularly makes trips to the river and returns to

over the aviary enclosures the eagles inside began to vocalize.



Flying just over the top of the aviary, you can see the feathers sticking up that are interfering with the solar panel on her GPS.

Shortly after their alarm calls she came flying in from the north and proceeded to fly around the open pasture chattering in protest until taking up high perch to have full view of the aviary grounds. Her territorial tendency to this area leads us to believe that there is a strong possibility that her return to the aviary is not solely food motivated but that she identifies with this as her home territory and will not migrate back to Florida where she was hatched but that she will remain here. Furthermore, on several occasions we have seen her in the same area with another juvenile that she did not challenge or try to bluff and chase away. Although they are not yet the best of companions, that is encouraging if she is going to stay and adjust to her life in the wild, that too is another season that she will go through.

As this season ends her yearly molt of feathers, we noticed a problem with her telemetry. As some of those feathers grew back in they began to cover the solar panel on her GPS backpack and the battery was drained several times. When the battery is low it will not transmit any information to the satellite, and she is completely on her own and there have been many gaps in the telemetry data. However, we were fortunate enough to have actual sightings of her at the aviary or in

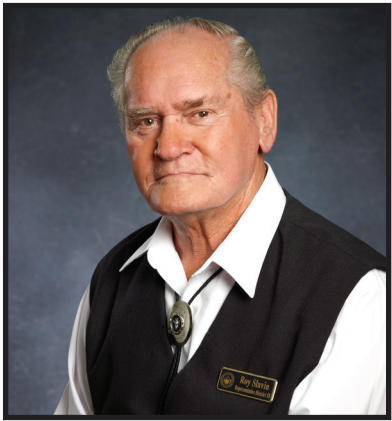
the nearby pasture on most of the days with no telemetry. At this point and time the decision has been made to forgo catching her up to trim the feathers covering her telemetry with the hope that once those feathers grow in they will be preened out of the way and no longer obstruct the solar panel.

That decision will have to be revisited before spring arrives in case we are wrong and she does decide to migrate. Although, we were worried that the GPS battery was permanently damaged from repeatedly being drained, we now know that the unit will still function. With the recent sunny days the GPS was able to power back up and was able to transmit data and is showing that the battery is continuing to hold a good charge.

She has faced many challenges since her release but she continues to fulfill the name she was given upon her release and we have little doubt that she will continue to weather the seasons. We will continue to monitor her progress through them all. For more information or to read previous updates please got to <http://www.potawatomi.org/about-wadase>.

Legislative Columns

District 1—Roy Slavin



Bozho,

My wife Julia and I Joined the “Trail of Death” re-enactment

caravan as it passed through Independence, MO and traveled along with them to Minor Park in Overland Park, Kan. where there is a historical marker. We travelled on with the caravan to Olathe, Kan. where a new marker was dedicated before gathering at the end of the trail at Osawatomie, Kan. The distance from Independence to Osawatomie is 65 miles as driven in my minivan. It is an easy drive, but also a very long walk. And this is only one tenth of what our ancestors had to endure from Twin Lakes, Ind. to Osawatomie. 175 years ago, on September 4, 1838, 859 members of the

Potawatomi Nation were gathered at gun point and forced to march 660 miles from Twin Lakes, Ind. to Osawatomie, Kan. Typhoid fever and the stress of the forced march led to the death of over 40 individuals, mostly children. My great grandmother, a young child survived the ordeal, her parents did not.

I was recently asked what thoughts come to mind when the Trail of Death is mentioned. I think I gave an answer saying something to the effect that we have to remember it so as not to repeat the same mistakes again.

In retrospect was that my Indian side talking or my white side? For those of my generation who learned in school to “remember the Alamo” and “remember Pearl Harbor”, we were taught this with revenge in mind. Hopefully with age comes wisdom. Having grown much older and read many books and the history of these events, it isn’t the act of aggression or revenge that comes to my mind. What comes to mind is the courage, strength and endurance of the people who endured these acts and went on to live productive lives and create a Nation that opposes aggression and supports freedom. I hold citizenship in

both these great nations, Citizen Potawatomi Nation and the United States of America, and support all they stand for.

Potawatomi and proud of it!

I am closing my Kansas City office Oct. 31 due to underutilization and will be working from my home. My toll-free phone number remains 1-888-741-5767. I may also be reached at 816-507-2861 or by mail at P.O. box 901873, Kansas city, MO 64190. As always my email is rslavin@potawatomi.org.

Netagtege.

District 2—Eva Marie Carney



Bozho nikan/Hello friends,

Native American Heritage Day – and a Thanksgiving Prayer in Our Language. A reminder that the U.S. Congress has determined that "The Friday immediately succeeding Thanksgiving Day of each year would be an appropriate day to designate as Native American Heritage Day." In recognition that we are still here, "Congress encourages the people of the United States, as well as Federal, State, and local governments, and interested groups and organizations to honor Native Americans [that day]." Here is a Thanksgiving Prayer you might include in the holiday celebrations:

Ahau Mamogosan, Migwetch ode mawjeshnowen. (Grand Father, thank you for this gathering.) gom ndodaskemen gode mno bmadzeyak mine chiwenmoyak mine wodoktadwen (Today we ask for good health and happiness and community.)

Shwendagwzen node wisnewenen mine gi kekyajek mine penojeyek. (Bless these foods and these elders and children.) Ndosaskemen gode mno pabmadzeyak pich zhitatoyak giweyak. (We ask for safe travels once we get ready to go home.) Migwetch ode jak she gego mine jagenagenan. (Thank you for everything and for all my relations.) Iw. Amen.

I have an audio clip of this in our language and will forward it by email on your request.

Upcoming Fall Feast. Our annual Fall Feast will take place on Saturday, November 16, 2013, from 10:30 to 1:30 at the District 2 office. I am looking for someone to teach us beading – please let me know if you have that skill and can join us that day, or if you have a contact who might! If we do not have a beading craft we will have instruction on and a hand games competition, with participants taking home with a "Hand Games at Home" play-it-yourself kit. I am asking everyone to bring a traditional fall dish to share – along with the recipe, if you are willing to provide it—and I will contribute a roast turkey and a vegetarian main dish, and soft drinks, coffee and tea. Some photos from prior years’ fall gatherings are included here.

February Meeting in Charlotte, North Carolina. Scott Holzmeister, who has many claims to fame but one to note is that he helped lead District 2 to victory in the Family Reunion Festival Hand Games



Competition, has offered to help with arrangements for a District 2 meeting in Charlotte in February 2014. Charlotte looks to be a good spot, as it is within travel distance of somewhat sizable Citizen Potawatomi populations. So y’all come! I expect to brief attendees on Tribal news and the Legislative process, share lunch together and open mike time, and conclude the visit with a naming ceremony if there are folks ready to receive their names at that time. Please contact me if you are interested in

the naming ceremony, and look for more information and a postcard invitation to the meeting as the date gets closer.

Thanks to Archives Tour Participants. Thanks to all who participated in our recent Archives visit (a report on the visit, with photos, is elsewhere in this paper). It is a joy to spend time with fellow Potawatomi and to be building strong friendships with folks in this area!

Migwetch/thank you for the honor of representing you.

Legislator Eva Marie Carney/
Ojindiskwe (Bluebirdwoman)
ecarney@potawatomi.org
CPN Legislative District #2
701 8th Street NW, #340
Washington, D.C. 20001
toll free 1-866-961-6988

Visit my website:
evamariecarney.com

District 3- Robert Whistler



Bozho Nikan: (Hello friends)

As we find school again in session, it won’t be too long until many of our youth will be thinking about college and other opportunities.

As a member of the American Indian Chamber of Commerce of Texas, we have worked with the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas on several projects. They will be hosting a college network event in November. At this function, you will learn the role they play in the economy, information on summer internships, and possible future

employment in their organization. They indicated they would be running an ad in the Hownikan, so keep an eye open for more information there.

Earlier this year, we worked in concert with the Cherokee Nation and hosted a college scholarship program. Another one is in the planning stages and it is going to be held in January 2014 in the Dallas-Ft. Worth area. If you are interested in getting more information on this when it becomes available, please send

me an e-mail.

As you may have noticed, many of my columns address education and our youth. I know that as time evolves, more and more information comes forward in our lives, and our youth must be on the cutting edge to be competitive. Therefore, you will find me looking for ways to bring them information that will hopefully address this area.

I am honored and proud to be your district 3 representative and

am here to serve you. If you have any questions or feel that there is an area where I can be of assistance, please contact me.

Bama mine (later)

Bob Whistler /Bmashi (He Soars)
Citizen Potawatomi Nation
District 3 Representative
112 Bedford Rd., Ste 116
Bedford, TX 76022
817-282-0868 (Office)
817-545-1507 (Home)
817-229-6271 (Cell)

District 4—Jon Boursaw



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH AT SUGAR CREEK:

The observance at Sugar Creek of the 175th Anniversary of the tribe’s forced removal from Indiana to Kansas was a very emotional and rewarding day. We were honored to have Sam Brownback, Governor of Kansas join us. He spent over three hours with us touring the grounds, talking with us, participating in Mass, and presenting us with gifts. Following Mass I asked all of the descendants of those on the Trail to join me in front of the altar for the

presentation ceremony where he presented us with a Proclamation expressing his sincere apologies for the treatment and wrong doings imposed on our ancestors and all Native Americans. Three copies of the Proclamation have been made and framed; one for the Cultural Heritage Center, one for Rossville and one for my office. He also presented us with a mounted deer head, which will also be in the CHC.

CPN members came from Kansas City, Topeka, Lawrence, St Marys and other Kansas communities joining those of us who were in the Caravan. The total, including those non-members from the local area, easily exceeded a hundred. Sugar Creek is a considerable distance from anyway unless you live in Linn County. The Governor's trip from Topeka was at least two hours, even with a Highway Patrol Trooper as a driver.

This was a very meaningful day and will be one of moments that will remain with us for a long

time, particularly for those us who are descendants of those on the Trail. It made a group of proud people even prouder.

SURVEY OF MEMEBERS: Within the next few weeks I plan to have a survey mailed to all members of District 4. The purpose of the survey is to obtain information from members that will allow me to better perform my role as your representative. More details in my next article.

TOUR OF PRAIRIE BAND RESEVATION:

On Tuesday, September 24th it was my pleasure to conduct a tour of the Prairie Band Reservation for a group of nine CPN elders. The tour was sponsored by the CPN Senior Support Network Staff in Rossville. Stops included the buffalo herd, Government Center, Fire Station, Health Clinic, Prairie People’s Park, Boys & Girls Club, American Legion Veterans Exhibit, and Our Lady of the Snows church. Lunch was served at the Elder Center.

BIA Individual Indian Money (IIM) ACCOUNTS: Last month we received a listing of 212 names of CPN members who have IIM accounts with the BIA, but the BIA does not have current addresses. Most or all of these people may have money coming to them. The list has been forwarded for address verification. The members who think they may be on the list should contact the:

Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians
1-888-678-6836
www.ost.doi.gov

NOVEMBER POTLUCK IN ROSSVILLE:

The annual Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner at the CPN Community Center in Rossville will be Friday, Nov 15th. Following the meal we plan to hold a round table discussion about Tribal family histories and the Tribal history in general. For more information contact the Senior Support Network Staff at 785-584-6171.

MY PERSONAL ACTIVITIES:

I gave a presentation on the CPN History on Saturday, Nov 2 at the Flint Hills Discovery Center in Manhattan, KS. My presentation was the initial event for the Center’s observance of Native American Heritage Month.

Recently I was elected to the Board of Trustees of the Shawnee County Historical Society. I am honored to have this opportunity to represent the Citizen Potawatomi Nation in this capacity.

Migwetch,
Jon E Boursaw
District 4 Legislative Represeatnative
(O) 785-861-7272
(C) 785-608-1982
Jon.boursaw@potawatomi.org

District 5— Gene Lambert



Recently I received an e-mail requesting that I write more on today’s challenges. They didn’t think that philosophical conversation was helpful. (I encourage more comments pro or con).

I was pleased to hear about the thoughts from one thinking differently than I. It is what this country is all about. We all have rights and one of them that can embarrass is our “freedom of speech”. Truly listening to the thoughts of others can be the absolute best way to learn or expand your world as you walk though life. They are paying attention and taking the time to respond or get involved. I love it! Of course I don’t want to be physically challenged. (ha) I would no doubt lose that one. Again, that is another right under the Constitution of the

United States of America.

There are some issues that affect our people differently as a whole. As I responded to one of our tribal members “Obamacare” will be the answer for some and the defeat of others. While certain age groups are not recognized at all.

Get involved. Write, call or e-mail your senators and congressman in each state regarding how it affects you.

I once heard a person say “If two always agree, then one of you isn’t necessary.” Even identical twins have different thought processes. Why would we think there would always be in harmony? The challenges we face have created the growth in people, groups and nations.

The systems we have in place at the present don’t fit the needs of everyone. Generally, they come from the “greatest good for the greatest number.” This is known to many of us as the right to vote.

Regardless of the position you take half will be for you and the other half opposed. The stand on moral issues varies. There are many opinions regarding the “right religion” or who is the best politician. It is all a state of mind, what group you belong to and how

it affects each.

When I ran for state senate years ago, I was certain of my position on just about everything. But it didn’t take long until I was as uncertain as a newborn on several issues.

Every case is so multifaceted that when you take the time to hear the arguments of each position, you will see their logic. Now, you cannot back them all but you can understand their position. It is exhilarating to explore someone else’s vision of “truth”. It may or may not be yours. That does not diminish the expression though. This is how we grow, learn, and expand as a Nation within a nation or person to person.

I wrote a song many years ago and the words went like this;

“Stand up for what you believe,

It’s American and her honor we’ll achieve.

Just stand up and sing along with me,

Let’s stand up now for what you believe.”

Now, that goes with the educational process from you to others or others to you. It is always a two-way street. You and

I both have that right. The right of be different, to think differently, and to express those choices. One would hope that there would be some diplomacy involved and that the differences aren’t just for the sake of an argument.

I know people like that too. In that case you listen and you might learn what not to say.

This is all brought about by the voting you do at the polls and the time you take to research your candidates

This is how we create change. It doesn’t matter if you’re talking about the Citizen Potawatomi Nation or the United States of America.

When I hear someone complaining, I always ask “Did you vote?”

If you are not, then I highly recommend you do so.

Silence is the enemy, not the disagreement. The unspoken undercurrent that you sense cannot address a hidden agenda. Sometimes it is difficult to understand where someone else is coming from.

During my recent service on a deliberative body, another committee member presented an

opinion on an issue. I listened to what they were saying and spoke in agreement. Next thing I knew, there was an argument.

“What you are doing?” I asked. “I agreed with you!”

“I don’t know,” was the response.

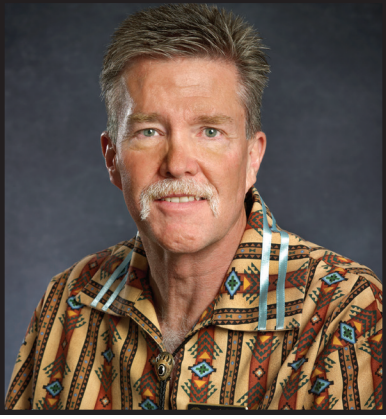
Guess I am just argumentative. There are people like that and there isn’t anything you can do to change them. Just stay out of the clinches if possible and avoid any meaningful conversation. You will both feel better.

A closed mind is diminishing. Nothing stays the same. You are either going forward or backward and the choice is left to each of us. Keep an open mind. Continue to learn, expand and express as that is what keeps us growing.

Stop only when you hear the Creator calling. After that I am not sure what he’ll have us doing. I am certain that comment will raise a response or two. (just kidding).

In the meantime, stay in touch. Let me know how you feel about things. I really want to know. How else can I represent you.

District 6—Rande Payne



Bozho Nikan

Happy Thanksgiving and I hope you are enjoying Native American Heritage month. I don’t think it’s a coincidence that Native American Heritage month ended up being in November. I tend to think that our people walked the Earth with a spirit of gratitude deeply imbedded in their soul. As it is with many cultures I’m confident that we had our own times of celebration and giving thanks to the Creator for

specific things or at certain times or events. But I believe where our culture differed from most prior to assimilation into European culture is the likelihood that we were in a constant state of gratitude continuously giving thanks. And I think it probably went beyond an attitude of gratitude.

Imagine for a minute a world view that nothing belonged to man, instead a mindset that everything in existence came to be from a higher power for a specific purpose. This mindset would then create a strong dependence on the Creator and thus a keen awareness of His power and grace and a genuine appreciation for all He provided and authentic respect for its purpose.

In her book “Anishinaabeg Stories: Featuring Petroglyphs, Petrographs and Wampum Belts”, author Lynn Gehl writes “Anishinaabe stories tell us that although humans are born with the wonderful gift and ability to dream and imagine, we

are also the most pitiful. Humans are pitiful in that we are the most dependent on the other three orders of Creation. While water and the plants and animals lived here on Earth for a very long time without us, and thus can continue to live without us, humans cannot live without them, as it is these other three orders of Creation that provide us with the protection and subsistence we need to survive on earth.”

I believe this view of Creation order fosters a strong spirit of humility. The Seven Grandfathers Teachings clearly revere humility as one of the Great Spirits and with good reason and purpose. From the place of deep humility springs a truly grateful heart and correct perspective of man’s place in the world.

With that I would like to offer a sincere and heartfelt thank you to everyone who came to the District 6 event in Las Vegas in

September. I was overwhelmed by the enthusiasm for learning and the participation by everyone there. So many people made it a great event. Thank you cousin Tommy Oles for sharing your appreciation of how CPN scholarship funds are helping make it possible to obtain your History degree and Brittany Destree for sharing your experience in the very first Potawatomi Leadership Program in 2003. Thank you Representative Roy Slavin and wife Julia for making the trip from Kansas. My family and I thoroughly enjoyed you both. Thank you Curtis Grant and Leslie Deer from the CPN Cultural Heritage Center for the cool video’s and teaching us how to make bandoliers and do ribbon work. With much appreciation I want to thank my family for all the help with set up and tear down and registration and being such an important part of making the meeting successful. Special thanks to my wife Kim for keeping

things running at the restaurant while I was away. Again, thank you all who took a few hours on a Saturday to connect and learn a little more about our rich Potawatomi heritage!

Indeed we all have much to be thankful for, whether in times of little or times of plenty. This Thanksgiving and always I am thankful to be Potawatomi! Happy Thanksgiving everyone!

“I hear the Savior say, Thy strength indeed is small; Child of weakness, watch and pray, Find in Me thine all in all.” - Lyrics from the song Jesus Paid It All by Kristian Stanfill

Rande K. Payne/Mnedo Gabo

Legislator District 6
Citizen Potawatomi Nation
732 W. Oak Ave.
Visalia, CA 93291
(559) 635-1039
Rande.Payne@Potawatomi.org

District 7—Mark Johnson



Bozho,

On October 1, 2013 enrollment in The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA) opened in all states. California members can go to www.coveredca.com and use the

online calculator to estimate the cost of insurance and compare available plans or call 800-300-1506. Nevada members can go to: exchange.nv.gov for the states online exchange or call 855-768-5465. Members in Hawaii can go to www.hawaiihealthconnector.com for more information or call 877-628-5076.

What can American Indians expect when they consider buying a health insurance plan? If you are already covered by your employer’s Health Insurance or are over 65 and currently on Medicare, you are not eligible to purchase insurance under the ACA. You have the ability to buy insurance anytime, American Indians can buy or change health insurance plans once a month

through the state exchanges like Covered California if they would like. No health care expenses, depending on income — American Indians who earn less than about \$66,000 for a family of four, which is less than 300 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) are exempt from cost sharing; for example, you will not have to pay copayments or deductibles when you use medical services.

No costs for medical care from many doctors and hospitals — there is no cost for any American Indian for any item or service received directly through the federal Indian Health Service, through tribes, through tribal organizations, through urban American Indian organizations

or through organizations that have a contract to deliver medical services locally such as the IHS Clinics.

American Indians are not required to purchase insurance, as most other Americans are. There will be no penalty for American Indians who do not have health insurance. One important thing to remember is that these provisions do not apply to non-tribal members in your family, they must still comply with all the provisions that tribal members are exempt from.

Once again, I would like to say what an honor it is to serve you as your District 7 representative. As always give me a call and I will be happy to work with you

on any questions you may have, or provide you with additional information you may need to access tribal benefits that you are entitled to. Please also take the time to give me a call or send me an email with your contact information so that I can keep you informed of the happenings within the Nation and District.

Migwetch,
Mark Johnson / Wisk Mtek
Representative, District #7
1565 Shaw Ave., Suite 202
Clovis, CA. 93611
(559) 323-9941 office
(559) 351-0078 cell
Email:
Mark.Johnson@Potawatomi.org
Website:
www.markjohnsoncpn.com

Legislators are not able to retrieve your contact information from Tribal Rolls.

Please contact your Legislator so that you can receive important information about Citizen Potawatomi Nation and your Legislative District!

If unsure who your elected representative is, please visit www.potawatomi.org/government/legislature where you can find a district map and contact information for CPN’s legislators



Legislative Columns

District 8—Dave Carney



Bozho, Nikan –

The fall chill is in the air already. It was a fun and eventful summer, but it’s time to put the summer toys away and focus on the upcoming holidays.



Craft winners Rae Marie and Ed Anderson.

Thanksgiving has always

been a “mixed bag” for Native Americans. Who doesn’t like a turkey and the accompanying comfort food? On the other hand, the classic scene of pilgrims and Indians sitting together and enjoying the plentiful harvest pretty much marked the beginning of the end of the way of life that aboriginal people, like the Potawatomi, had enjoyed for thousands of years.

So instead of (or maybe in addition to) Thanksgiving, please join your tribe for the Fall Feast at the Duwamish Long House in Seattle on November 16. It will be an evening meeting with dinner provided as well as presentations and crafts offered by Leslie Deer and Curtis Grant flying in from the Nation. The crafts being planned are a bandolier for men and women’s regalia bag for the ladies. The supplies for these crafts are expensive, and therefore limited. As the date gets closer, I will have to have a pretty tight handle of the RSVPs and reserved spots for the crafts. Members have to be present in order to get the materials. See www.dave-carney.com for details or look for a post

card in the mail.

The meeting in Spokane at the end of August was well attended and from all accounts, enjoyable. We had over 55 members and spouses in attendance. The food was super good and we had a respectable showing of entries in our art contest. Katie Drymon of Colfax, Wash. took the prize in the “Fine Arts” category for her pottery depicting scenes of Potawatomi stories. Rae Marie



Fine Arts winner, Katie Drymon.

and Ed Anderson of Whitefish, Montana won the “craft” category for a unique quilt displaying the Tribal Seal and patches depicting



Our farthest travelled, Keiley Smith of Dillon, Mont.

Anderson family members and history.

Congratulations to Keiley Smith of Dillon, Montana for winning the Farthest Traveled award and Liam Wrixon, thirteen years old, for being our youngest member present. Gerald Reisenauer was our Wisest Potawatomi. In order to keep things fair (and me out of the dog house) the judges of the art contest were our farthest travelled, wisest Potawatomi and Hogan Wrixon of Spokane. Hogan is a talented artist, as I can attest to because of a wonderful

piece of art I have hanging in my home. It depicts the raven (my Potawatomi name), flying against a full moon in the night sky. Hogan created this and gifted it to me at his Naming in Washougal, Wash. a few years ago.

After our dinner meeting we had an intimate naming ceremony, where three Potawatomi received their “Indian Names”. This was really nice because the recipients were all very different in age, family background and geography, yet all interacted and blended nicely into our intimate group. Thank you for the honoring of naming you!

I hope to see many members in Seattle, WA on November 16. Please go to www.dave-carney.com for event information. For more information about the Duwamish Tribe and their fight for recognition, please go to: <http://www.duwamishtribe.org>.

Bama Pi,

Dave Carney/Kagashi
dcarney@potawatomi.org
360.259.4027
877.335.4395

District 9— Paul Wesselhoft



DRONES: Big Brother’s eye in the sky

Bozho, Nikan

Big brother’s eye in the sky is being justified by the government’s need to keep the bad guys off the street. However, innocent citizens must demand that their privacy rights are protected, and their cherished Fourth Amendment rights are always upheld. I believe my bill

in the Oklahoma legislature, called the “Oklahoma Unmanned Aerial Surveillance Act”, strikes a common sense balance between these two needs.

Unmanned Ariel Vehicles (UAVs) are not a subject of science fiction; they are here and will become a common reality in the near future. Oklahoma is poised to be the leading state in the development, testing, manufacturing and sale of drones, as they are popularly known.

Unmanned aircraft can be outfitted with surveillance equipment to include high-resolution cameras, thermal heat imaging devices, and geo-location tracking devices. These inventions can be of great benefit to society such as tracking tornadoes, monitoring forest fires, searching for kidnaped children, and locating lost elderly people.

However, just like the Internet,

which is a great benefit to society, but can be used to sexually exploit our children; so can this new aerial technology be misused by mass surveillance and the collection of massive amounts of data that are irrelevant to the investigation of an existing crime.

Governor Mary Fallin has made the development of UAVs a priority for economic development. She also stated that “citizen’s privacy must be protected” as we move forward. I agree with her priority and assessment. Her concern about privacy was the subject of my recent Interim Study and proposed new law.

Citizens are leery about accepting a “surveillance society” in which our every move is monitored, tracked, recorded, and scrutinized by the government.

Citizens have a right to expect privacy in their homes, vehicles,

and communications. The Fourth Amendment reads, “The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause...”

The ground rules, that is, a law must be codified to protect citizens from intrusive government surveillance of their citizens without a search warrant.

We examined privacy issues emanating from UAVs. The study focused on the effectiveness, or lack thereof, of current laws, including those laws found in Oklahoma statutes, the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma, rules adopted by Oklahoma agencies and commissions, the Constitution of the United States of America, and relevant case law interpreting these bodies of law.

My drone bill was improved by the discussion of prominent leaders in the industry and those charged with the protection of privacy rights. Oklahoma can and should protect citizens Fourth Amendment rights against unwarranted use of unmanned aircraft.

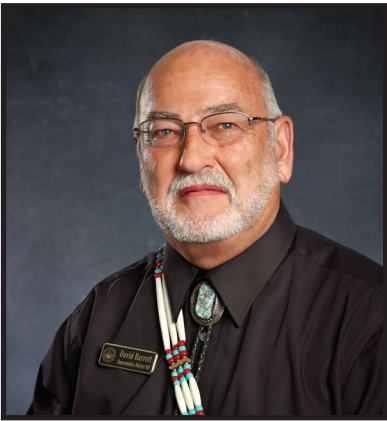
My bill forbids the targeting of a person or an organization with probable cause that a crime has been committed. With probable cause, a search warrant can be expeditiously granted. In an emergency, targeted surveillance can commence immediately.

The bill also makes it a felony to weaponize UAVs, the military be exempted. We believe this is a common sense balance of Oklahoma values and needs.

Megwetch,

Naganit/Leader

District 10—David Barrett



Bozho,

This article will not be the best timing in encouraging you to lose weight due to the holidays coming up.

Allow me to encourage you to take an honest effort to take control over your weight issue or just start a healthier plan of eating and exercise.

Over the last ten years I have tried to cut back on food and watch

what I ate. However, the weight still seemed to accumulate. So coming to the conclusion, more food reduction was needed for longer lengths of time to accomplish sustaining my weight loss plan. Now, don’t mistake what I’m saying about controlling food intake - food is great and I love all kinds.

What you have to do is to decide sincerely that you do want to lose or reduce poundage. My wife would fix foods that I needed to eat on quantity and quality; however, this would soon end also not because of my wife, but rather because I had no sustainable will power.

This last February, I thought to myself that weight wasn’t going to be my problem anymore in terms of affecting my health in my senior years. We seniors have the deck stacked against us already. Let’s start eliminating a few. I wanted to eliminate any

health problems that could be caused by the weight issue.

The problem also wasn’t with my wife telling and planning my meals, it was with me. I realized that my lifestyle had to be changed, monitored, and adapted. Most of all, these changes had to be realistic if I was going to be successful over the rest of my life.

Potawatomi are very fortunate to have a fantastic clinic, wellness center, and doctors who are superior from my point of view. Why not take advantage of these assets that are available to us? So I made an appointment with Dr. Shaw, not to have him tell me I needed to lose weight, but to set me up with our dietician at the CPN Wellness Center. I also wanted to get follow-up visits with him concerning my progress.

Like I said, this ball started rolling in February, with me having to record the food on a daily basis of

what I ate. This wasn’t fun. I spent more time recording and trying to find out the calories and fat grams than I spent eating. Remembering that I asked for this, I admit that I didn’t realize how demanding it would be to report everything, including snacks.

This eating regiment was coupled with what I considered a modest exercise program since I was having knee and back problems at times.

There are four main ingredients you must displace if you want to be successful:

- 1: Food - Know all about calories, fat grams, volumes and record them accurately at the beginning
- 2: Exercise -You must do!
- 3: Mental Determination - If not for looks, then for health.
- 4: Third Party - To report to on a monthly basis. (Not your family

they’re too close)

I will tell you that I have lost 35 pounds since I started. Do I still struggle with food consumption? You bet I do. Feeling better is the carrot that dangles in front of me that pulls me back to my health plan when I wander.

I apologize for being so personal in my column but if our generation doesn’t take a bold step on preventive health, how will our children and grandchildren learn? We must live by example.

It goes without saying that it is both a pleasure and an honor to serve you and our great Nation

Migwetch
David Barrett/Mnedobe
(Sits with the Spirits)
Oklahoma Legislator, District#10
DBarrett@potawatomi.org

District 11 – Lisa Kraft



Coming to Agreement

As I was watching my Sunday political shows (Yes, I can only stomach a few hours in a short period rather than a daily dose.), I wondered if adults could agree that we all need to eat and what we

eat affects our health---physically, mentally, and even politically. So, what does this have to do with politics you might be wondering? I’m not going to play a party card, but I was surprised this morning by something I saw in a commercial for a large pizza chain. At the bottom of the advertisement, there was a small logo that read, “EBT Accepted.”

Electronic Benefit Transfer or EBT is the Federal benefit of food and cash distributed to eligible individuals through the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), formerly known as the Food Stamp Program. An EBT card, much like a debit card, can be used to purchase groceries at authorized retailers. The U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) oversees this program,

but the cards and money are managed at the state level. Money is replenished each month for the individual. Just yesterday, the news reported that EBT cards in 17 states had been denied at retailers because of a computer issue. Cards were operational the next day, but for millions of folks, they could not purchase food on Saturday. In Oklahoma, this affected the 600,000 EBT cardholders. These EBT food benefits are vital to those in desperate need. Politics aside, we humans have to eat.

After the pizza commercial, I grabbed my phone and began searching for a list of other fast food restaurants that accept the EBT card. EBT benefits apparently vary by state, but some states allow EBT cards to be used at Taco Bell, Kentucky Fried Chicken,

Long John Silvers, and even Papa Murphy’s and Pizza Hut, to name a few. I don’t qualify for an EBT card, but I know lots of families that rely on them. And believe me, I understand that there are only so many hours in a day when you have to work, pick up kids from school, run them to practice, and then knock out homework, not to mention get dinner on the table and clean the house. Fast food can be a luxury for busy families, but is it a killer to those of us with health issues.

I have Type-2 diabetes. If I routinely ate Taco Bell, KFC, Long John Silvers, and pizza each week, chances are good my health would take a dangerous turn. So, why would the USDA allow fast food retailers to get in on the food stamp program when there

is a diabetes and obesity crisis in America and healthcare costs are already outrageous?

I hope our Federal government can employ more common sense in the charitable money it provides to folks who are unable to work and our lawmakers come to agreement to put the health and welfare of Americans back on track to self-sufficiency.

May your holiday tables be full of healthy food and surrounded by loving family.

As always, I am thinking Potawatomi.

Lisa Kraft (Zibikwe)
Oklahoma Tribal Legislator
(District 11)
Lisa@CopperBearConsulting.com

Vice Chairman—Linda Capps



It is interesting how a person’s professional life evolves as time passes. When I was a young person in high school and college, I became interested in the Federal Reserve System. I didn’t understand a lot about it at that time, but I knew that it was the most successful of several attempts that the United States had made in establishing a central bank. As I began to teach high school business classes

in the 1970s, I discovered that the Federal Reserve provided materials to assist in teaching students about the system along with other financial education materials. Since my first school position was at a small school in rural Oklahoma, free quality materials were a blessing to any teacher.

Fast forward from the 1970s to today, I find that I greatly value the appointment that I received in January of 2012 as a member of the Oklahoma City Branch of the Kansas City Federal Reserve Bank. This year the Kansas City Federal Reserve Bank is celebrating its 100th anniversary. Therefore, it is a fitting time for me to communicate my connection with the bank.

The Oklahoma City branch office opened in 1920, seven years after the passage of the Federal Reserve

Act and six years after the opening of the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City. Of the twelve Federal Reserve Bank locations, many have branch offices to help better cover their large geographic areas. I am extremely proud that one of the branches is located in Oklahoma City.

The Oklahoma City Branch houses about 40 employees, including research and outreach staff to conduct two-way communication about the economy with the local community. This information is then shared with federal policymakers for consideration of their deliberations. It is also shared with bank examiners in an effort to help supervise the 48 state member banks in Oklahoma. The local connection of the staff to both banks in the area and the public in general is designed to help maintain public trust and confidence in the nation’s central

bank. As part of this outreach, staff members work closely with the business community.

Why is the Federal Reserve’s work important to people’s everyday lives? Does it affect people directly? These are two questions often asked in regard to the function of the reserve system.

The Federal Reserve System has three mission areas - monetary policy, bank supervision, and payments - all of which affect American people. Monetary policy affects interest rates to help meet the federal mandate from Congress to promote both low and stable inflation and maximum sustainable employment. Bank supervision ensures the safety and soundness of local banks, as well as their compliance with consumer regulations. Payments help ensure the proper functioning of the nation’s payment system,

whether that be cash, checks, or electronic payments.

Since becoming an elected official of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, I have been blessed with opportunities to serve my tribe, community, state, public organizations and federal entities. I can truly say that the knowledge that I have gained in serving with various organizations and entities has provided me with a broad array of meaningful experience. I believe that the knowledge gained through my involvement with outside organizations has enabled me to be a better informed Vice Chairman. I cherish the opportunity to serve you.

Migwetch,

Linda Capps

405-275-3121

lcapps@potawatomi.org

Chairman Barrett presents CPN Constitutional Reform to National Congress of American Indians

Chairman Barrett presents CPN Constitutional Reform to National Congress of American Indians

Following on the heels of Citizen Potawatomi Nation’s Honoring Nations All-Stars recognition by The Harvard Project on American Indian Economic Development for its constitutional reform, Chairman John Barrett presented the results of the tribe’s Constitutional Reform Project at the 2013 National Congress of American Indians in Tulsa, Oklahoma. In 2007, CPN ratified a new constitution that expanded the legislature nationwide, defined the separation of tribal government power into three branches, granted the power of judicial review on all matters without cause of action, and removed the Secretary of the Interior from the Constitutional Amendment process.

“Our reformed constitution drives



Chairman Barrett receives an award following his presentation to the NCAI.

the extraordinary economic development that continues to empower tribal members and the surrounding communities,” said Chairman Barrett.

The tribe’s assets were in the hundreds of dollars as recently as 1973, when CPN headquarters were housed in a single wide

trailer and services like tribal rolls were undertaken by volunteers. Today the tribe boasts commercial enterprises like the Grand Hotel Casino and Resort, FireLake Discount Groceries and First National Bank and Trust.

This commercial success has been followed by the expanded

influence of Potawatomi culture from members in Okla. and around the country.

“Since 2007, cultural participation and interest have spread outside the former reservation land in Okla.,” said Chairman Barrett. “Participation in traditional ceremonies, tribal crafts, regional tribal meetings and the annual Family Reunion Festival has markedly increased. Citizen Potawatomi Nation’s culture provides the energy that carries our traditions to our children. Without this, the history and heritage of our people would die out, and with it, all that we have built.”

Citizen Potawatomi Nation was one of three American Indian tribal government programs to be selected by the Harvard Project’s Honoring Nations program as All-Stars from the family of 112 outstanding programs that have been selected as honorees since

1999. Its constitutional reform resulted in a new constitution providing the critical foundations for tribal political sovereignty, economic development, social well-being, and cultural preservation.

Founded in 1944, The National Congress of American Indians is the oldest, largest, and most representative American Indian and Alaska Native organization serving the broad interests of tribal governments and communities. It recently wrapped up its 70th annual convention and marketplace in Tulsa, Okla. Tribal representatives from all over the world attended and had the opportunity to ask questions in a panel following the presentations.

OBU-CPN to collaborate on MBA program

Oklahoma Baptist University President David Whitlock and Citizen Potawatomi Nation Chairman John Barrett sign a collaborative agreement between the two organizations to provide a corporate online MBA program for the CPN to offer to its members, employees and constituents.

Pictured are (seated from left) Linda Capps, CPN vice chairman; Barrett; Whitlock; Stand Norman, OBU provost and executive vice president



for campus life; (standing from left) Shane Jett, CPN Community Development Corporation executive director; Jason Greenwalt, CPN executive operations coordinator; Shelly Francka, director of the OBU College of Graduate and Professional Studies; and Randy Smith, OBU executive vice president for business and administrative services.

CPN-ANA water study update

Through a grant from Administration of Native Americans (ANA), Citizen Potawatomi Nation is conducting a three year comprehensive water study. Partnering with

the United States Geological Survey (USGS), extensive water quality and quantity tests have been conducted throughout the original 900 square mile of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation

reservation land. Understanding our water resources is critical to effective and sustainable economic development.

October marks the beginning

of the third year. During this final year, USGS will develop a ground water flow model that will be used to help ensure water sustainability by allowing CPN to better understand future water

quality and quantity. The final product of the study will be the Comprehensive Water Resources Plan to include a drought plan as well as a risk management component.

NOTICE TO ALL CITIZEN POTAWATOMI NATION ALLOTMENT INTEREST OWNERS.

Citizen Potawatomi Nation is interested with speaking to anyone who owns interest in a CPN allotment and would consider selling it to the Tribe. CPN is interested in purchasing this land to further enhance tribal programs and aid in the expansion of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. It will also help to promote self-governance and reduce or stop further fractionation in Indian trust and restricted land. Furthermore, it helps keep allotment land, and the interests therein, in the ownership of the Tribe on behalf of tribal members. If you are willing to discuss this issue further, or if you have any questions, please contact Robby Jack at (405) 395-0113.

ATTENTION ALL CPN MEMBERS OUTSIDE OF OKLAHOMA!

Do you know of tribal members in the states outside of Oklahoma who participate in traditional Native American dancing? If so, we want to know about you and your activities. Please get in contact with us by writing to hownikan@potawatomi.org

To submit an obituary, please send a word document and a 300 dpi photo to HOWNIKAN@POTAWATOMI.ORG

Walking On...



James Mathew Mulanax

James Matthew Mulanax, 85, passed away peacefully August 19, 2013, surrounded by family. James was born April 26, 1928 to Louis and Eunice (Levier) Mulanax. James served in the Army during WWII and worked for Flemings for 32 years. James is survived by 2 daughters, Frankie (Daniel) Serna and Annette Boyer; two granddaughters, five great-grandchildren, and two great-great grandchildren. He is preceded in death by wife Dorothy, son Michael, three brothers and two sisters. Memorial services were held at Sacred Heart Church Friday August 23, 2013 with burial to follow at Shipshee Cemetery. In lieu of flowers contributions can be made to Sacred Heart Church.



Ken Holloway

Ken Holloway, a resident of Henryetta, passed away Saturday, May 4 at his home in rural Henryetta, Oklahoma at the age of 54. He was born May 22, 1958 in Pauls Valley, Okla. to Leman and Sue Holloway.

Ken loved life and enjoyed the open road on his motorcycle. He was also an avid NASCAR fan. He married the love of his life, Linda (Pinkston) on August 29, 1986 in Okmulgee.

Ken is survived by his wife Linda Holloway of the home, mother Sue Richardson Holloway of Pauls Valley, Okla., father Leman Holloway and wife Claudette of Ada, Okla., brother Kelvin Holloway of Vanoss, Okla., brother-in-law Clifford Pinkston of Henryetta, aunt Bernadean Freeman of Stratford, Okla., uncle Lynnwood Holloway of Lincoln, Ark., uncle Jim Ballard of Pauls Valley, Okla., as well as a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

Pallbearers were Royce Farris, Mike Vail, Larry Baucom, Greg Kern, Adam Naranjo, and Larry Coker. Honorary pallbearers were Donald Wells, Jody Agee, Bob Tidmore, Jim Perkins, Don Price, Bobby Moudy, Debbie Stidman, Donnie Smith and Billie Thompson.

Funeral services were held on May 8, 2013 at Dewar First Baptist Church with Rev. Jack Vance officiating and assisted by Rev. Nelson Harjo and Roger Ballard.

Internment was held at McGee Cemetery in Stratford, Okla. Services were under the direction of Integrity Funeral Service.



Dorris Jane Rowe

Doris Jan (Hodges) Rowe, 81, or Camarillo, Calif. passed away peacefully on Thursday, July 4, 2013.

She was born to Olline and Noel Hodges on December 2, 1931 in Maud, Okla. Doris graduated from Maud High School in 1948 and received her Bachelor of Science in Behavioral Science from the University of La Verne in the 1980s. She married Leonard Rowe in Corpus Christi, Texas

in 1950. Leonard’s service in the Navy took them all over the United States and Pacific Islands. In 1963, they settled in Camarillo, Calif.

Doris was a probation officer for the Ventura County Sheriff’s Department until she retired in 1989. She made many life-long friends while working with the sheriff’s department and received countless accolades for her work and her impact on the lives of those in her care.

Doris is survived by her husband, Leonard; her sister Tokee Richards of Shawnee, Okla; and two children, Blake David Rowe of Camarillo, Calif., and Steve Rowe of Fillmore, Calif. She is also survived by the lights of her life, her five grandchildren, Krystin Higgins Mast of Atadena, Calif., Tara Raven of Ventura, Calif., David Rowe of Ventura, Calif., Erin (Rowe) Jenkins of Oklahoma City, Okla. and Steven Rowe of Fillmore, Calif.

A memorial service was held at Griffin Family Funeral Chapel in Camarillo on July 13. A graveside service in Fairview Cemetery in Shawnee, Okla. will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting that donations be made to the Humane Society of Ventura County. Henryetta, Oklahoma at the age of 54. He was born May 22, 1958 in Pauls Valley, Okla. to Leman and Sue Holloway.

Ken loved life and enjoyed the open road on his motorcycle. He was also an avid NASCAR fan. He married the love of his life, Linda (Pinkston) on August 29, 1986 in Okmulgee.

Ken is survived by his wife Linda Holloway of the home, mother Sue Richardson Holloway of Pauls Valley, Okla., father Leman Holloway and wife Claudette of Ada, Okla., brother Kelvin Holloway of Vanoss, Okla., brother-in-law Clifford Pinkston of Henryetta, aunt Bernadean Freeman of Stratford, Okla., uncle Lynnwood Holloway of Lincoln, Ark., uncle Jim Ballard of Pauls Valley, Okla., as well as a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

Pallbearers were Royce Farris, Mike Vail, Larry Baucom, Greg Kern, Adam Naranjo, and Larry Coker. Honorary pallbearers were Donald Wells, Jody Agee, Bob Tidmore, Jim Perkins, Don Price, Bobby Moudy, Debbie Stidman, Donnie Smith and Billie Thompson.

Funeral services were held on May 8, 2013 at Dewar First Baptist Church with Rev. Jack Vance officiating and assisted by Rev. Nelson Harjo and Roger Ballard.

Internment was held at McGee Cemetery in Stratford, Okla. Services were under the direction of Integrity Funeral Service.



Carol (Cote) Mueller

Carol (Cote) Mueller, age 84, of Deerfield, passed away Monday, August 26, 2013 at the Hospice of Lenawee’s Hospice Home. She was born to the late Sylvanus and Cizerie (Marquis) Cote July 3, 1929 in Beaverville, Illinois. Carol was a devoted wife and homemaker and loved spending time with her entire family. She retired from Simplex Industries in 1992.

She married Oliver Mueller at St. Mary Catholic Church on March 31, 1951 in Adrian. In addition to her husband, Carol is survived by her children Nancie VanBlack of Deerfield, Steve (Teresa) Mueller of Northport, Ala., and Bill *Linda) Mueller of Deerfield; two brothers, Sy (Gerry) Cote of Adrian and Joel (Imagene) Cote of Onsted; two sisters, Marilyn Megarah of Lansing and Margaret (Paul) Forthoefel of Carmel, Ind.; seven grandchildren, Marcie, Matt (Julie), Molly VanBlack, Meagan Skampo, Liz Mueller, Michael

and Mitchell Mueller; five great-grandchildren, Lexie, Rylee, Madelyn, Madden and Maxwell and two on the way. She was preceded in death by her parents; five brothers Leonard, Robert, Merle, Lawrence and Hames Cote; three sisters, Elaine Hunt, Patricia Witt and Constance Peters.

At Carol’s request her body has been donated to the University of Michigan for anatomical research. A memorial Mass for Carol was held August 28 at Light of Christ Parish St. Alphonsus Church in Deerfield with Father Jack Loughran as celebrant. Internment will be at St. Alphonsus Cemetery.

Please send condolences to the family at www.andersonfuneralservices.com. Memorial contributions may be made to Light of Christ Parish St. Alphonsus Church or Hospice of Lenawee.



Tommy Lee Anderson

A dear man, Tom Anderson, left our lives July 13, 2013 and he will be truly missed. He was a generous, fun loving man, father, grandfather, great-grandfather and friend that lived life to its fullest from coaching baseball, whitewater rafting down the Taos Box to running the bulls in Pamplona, Spain. Though he dearly loved his family and friends, he also had a passion for the company he built, Trinity Trailer Sales and Service, Dallas, Texas. Tom spent his leisure golfing, boating, and supporting his teams, University of Oklahoma Football and Texas Rangers Baseball.

Tom Anderson was born July 9, 1932 to Vin A. and Wilma Vera (White) Anderson at their home in Choctaw, Oklahoma. He graduated from Choctaw High School in 1950, earned an Associate Degree in Accounting from Blackwood Davis Business College in 1952 and a Bachelor Degree in Accounting from University of Oklahoma in 1969. Tom spent his entire business career in the semi-trailer business, first with American Body and Trailer Company in Oklahoma City from 1952 to 1972 progressing from Cost Accountant to Executive Vice President. In 1972 Tom relocated to Dallas, Texas, opening his own semi-trailer dealership, Trinity Trailer Sales & Service, Inc. in 1975. Over the years, Trinity expanded to become one of the largest independent specialized semi-trailer dealership in the Southwest. Tom was active in the National Trailer Dealers Association, the American Indian Chamber of Commerce of Texas and a proud member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. In 1993, Tom met and married Linda Wells. He lived his life in his later years in Carrollton, Texas, watching his family expand to 4 granddaughters, 3 grandsons and 2 great grandchildren. Tom is survived by his older brother, Johnny Vin Anderson of Crescent, Oklahoma.

A memorial service was held July 18 at Restland Funeral Home in Dallas, Texas.



William Loyd “Bill” Green

William Loyd “Bill” Green, 85, a life-long resident of Slaton, Texas passed away on Wednesday, July 24. He was born on July 1, 1928 in Slaton to George Gilbert and Lillian Beatrice Stone Green.

Bill Attended Slaton High School and then joined the U.S. Navy from 1946 to 1948. He served 18 months in Guam and

in 1948 returned to Slaton and hired out as a Brakeman on the Sante Fe Railroad. He retired as a conductor in 1992. Bill married Cleo Eudy on March 27, 1949, in Turkey, Texas, and they raised five children who attended Slaton Schools and Texas Tech University. Cleo preceded him in death May 27, 2008.

Bill married Betty Smith on November 22, 2008. He was a member of the Potawatomi Nation, First Baptist Church, U.T.U., Slaton Masonic Lodge and a board member for the Santa Fe Credit Union.

His love for people and his ability to laugh and make others laugh are highlights of his legacy. He treasured family and friends and cherished the many conversations and memories of a lifetime.

He is preceded in death by his parents, George and Lillian Green; and brothers, George, Earl and Oatus Kenneth Green.

His survivors include his wife, Betty; daughters, Carol (Bill) Wade of Pampa and Susan (Gerald) Talkmitt of Lubbock; sons, Mike (Tracey) of Slaton, Loyd of Olney, and Randy (Dara) Green of Lufkin; sisters, Joan Green of Dallas, Mary Ruth Gossett of Lubbock, Betty Orr of Slaton, and Venita Womack of Robert Lee; ten grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren .

Funeral services were held Saturday, July 27 at First Baptist Church and followed by graveside services and burial at Englewood Cemetery.

The family sincerely appreciates the support provided by the Potawatomi Nation and the years of caring assistance provided by CPN Pharmacist Dorothy Lett.



Phyllis Sue (Curley) Kueneman

Phyllis Sue (Curley) Kueneman, 67 years old, and a lifelong area resident passed from this life on Friday, October 11, 2013 at Midwest City Regional Hospital in Midwest City, Okla. She was born February 10, 1946 in Phoenix, Arizona to parents Albert Curley, Sr. and Clea Magdalena (Rhodd) Curley.

Phyllis attended Maud Public Schools and was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church near Konawa, Okla. Phyllis was also a proud member of the Citizen Potawatomi Tribe of Oklahoma.

Survivors include her companion, Phillip Welch of the home in Maud, Oklahoma; one son and daughter-in-law, Gary Kueneman and his wife Dawn of Maud, Oklahoma; one brother, Albert Curley Jr. of Maud, Oklahoma; three grandchildren, Christian, Lonnie and Kyle Kueneman; five great-grandchildren, Collin, Ray, Aubri, Rainy, Corbin and Raiden Kueneman; and a host of other family and dear friends.

Phyllis is preceded in death by her parents, and by one sister, Doniva June Armstrong.

Cremation services were under the direction of Knight-Swearingen Funeral Home in Maud, Okla.



Betty “Clarice” Vieux

Betty “Clarice” Vieux, 56 year-old, lifelong Saint Louis resident passed from this life on Wednesday, October 9, 2013 at her home. She was born August 28,

1957 in Seminole, Okla. to parents Charles Franklin “Charlie” Vieux and Mary Elizabeth (Holmes) Vieux.

Clarice attended Saint Louis Elementary School until the 8th grade and graduated from Maud High School in 1976. She went on to continue her education attending two years of college.

Clarice was a member of the Saint Louis Round-up Club where she had been very active and even served as Rodeo Queen. In high school she was involved in many activities including basketball and several other school organizations. She also loved to play league softball. Clarice was also a member of the Saint Louis First Baptist Church where she had accepted Christ as her Lord and Savior and was baptized as a teenager.

Clarice, a Citizen Potawatomi Nation enroled citizen, was a long-standing employee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe. She began working with the tribe in 1974. Her first job with the tribe was as a Court Clerk. In 1994 she began working for the Tribal Administrator as his Administrative Assistant. Clarice was instrumental in helping establish the Tribe’s court system and in 1997 through the current date she worked in a dual capacity as an Administrative Assistant and B.I.A. Specialist. She was a dedicated advocate for self-determination and self-governance and was with the Tribe during the infancy stage of implementing these programs under P.I. 93-638, as amended, known as the Indian Self-Determination Education Assistance Act. Clarice was currently working under Governor of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, B. Edwina Butler-Wolfe.

Clarice was part of 12 Tribal Administrations at the Absentee Shawnee Tribe. She began her work when John Sloat was Governor and was here to see the second woman leader be elected and placed in Office.

Clarice leaves to cherish her memory her son, Jessie Williams and his wife Cassie of Earlsboro, Okla.; two sisters, Teresa Vieux of Tecumseh, Okla., Charlene Killian of Saint Louis, Okla.; four grandchildren, Gavin Williams, Alexis Frantz, Jaxon Williams, and Jesslyn Williams; by her first husband and the father of her son, Frank Williams and his wife Susan of Maud, Okla.; she is also survived by a host of other family and dear friends.

Clarice was preceded in death by her parents, Charlie and Mary Vieux, one brother, Nick Vieux, one sister Elizabeth “Beth” Vieux, Clarice’s former husband, Freddie Murdock, and one brother-in-law, Dewayne Thorpe.

Funeral services were held October 16, 2013 at the First Baptist Church of Saint Louis, Okla. with Pastor Glenn Peck officiating the service. Dub Howell will provide Tribal music. Interment followed at Sacred Heart Cemetery near Konawa.

Pallbearers were Cody Williams, Randy Killian, Evan Murry, Bobby Armstrong, Joe Ray Milburn, and Rob Milburn. Honorary Bearers were Frank Williams, Donnie Jordan, Nobie Lowden, Mike Hunter, and Isaac Gibson.

Services are under the direction of Knight-Swearingen Funeral Home in Maud, Oklahoma. Phone 405-374-2424.

arol was held August 28 at Light of Christ Parish St. Alphonsus Church in Deerfield with Father Jack Loughran as celebrant. Internment will be at St. Alphonsus Cemetery.

Please send condolences to the family at www.andersonfuneralservices.com. Memorial contributions may be made to Light of Christ Parish St. Alphonsus Church or Hospice of Lenawee.